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No. 2802

Introduced Committee by on Consumer Protection, and Governmental **Efficiency Economic Development** (Davis (Chair), Alquist, Figueroa, Machado, Morrissey, Napolitano, Runner, Strom-Martin, Takasugi, Wildman)

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An act to amend Sections 101, 130, 144 130, 472.5, 2639, 2640, 2655.11, 2655.91, 2661.7, 2665, 2688, 2760.1, 2762, 2984, 3452, 6980.28, 7215.6, 7410, 7411, 7413, 7417, 7503.14, 7558.5, 7560, 7582.26, 7585.20, 7586.2, 7586.5, 7587.8, 7593.12, 7598.7, 7602, 7606, 7607, 7608, 7610, 7616.2, 7618, 7619.2, 7621, 7622.3, 7625, 7626, 7626.5, 7628, 7629, 7631, 7632, 7634, 7635, 7640, 7641, 7642, 7643, 7646, 7647, 7647.5, 7650, 7651, 7661, 7662, 7664, 7665, 7666, 7667, 7668, 7669, 7670, 7685.2, 7685.3, 7686, 7686.5, 7687, 7690, 7693, 7696, 7697, 7700, 7701, 7702, 7704, 7706, 7708, 7709, 7711, 7715, 7718.5, 7725, 7725.2, 7725.5, 7727, 7735, 7737.3, 7737.5, 7740, 7740.5, 8556, 9604, 9605, 9630, 9631, 9650, 9650.1, 9650.2, 9650.3, 9650.4, 9651, 9652, 9652.1, 9653, 9654, 9655, 9656, 9656.1, 9656.2, 9656.3, 9656.4, 9656.5, 9657, 9658, 9659, 9662, 9675, 9676, 9677, 9678, 9679, 9680, 9681, 9682, 9683, 9684, 9686, 9700, 9700.5, 9700.6, 9701, 9702.1, 9702.2, 9702.5, 9703, 9704, 9705, 9709, 9710, 9711, 9712, 9713, 9714, 9715, 9716, 9717, 9718, 9719, 9720, 9726. AB 2802 — 2 —

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AB 2802, as amended, Committee on Consumer Protection, Governmental Efficiency and Economic Development. Professions and vocations.

Existing law provides for the licensure, regulation, and discipline of various professions and vocations. These provisions are administered by boards and examining committees established within the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would eliminate references to change the names of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and the Cemetery Board and instead refer to the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Program and the Cemetery Program, respectively, each to be administered by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would authorize each bureau and program under the direct authority of the Director of Consumer Affairs to synchronize the renewal dates of licenses granted to applicants with more than one license issued by the bureau or program. It would also establish a standard "abandonment date" for applications that have been returned to the applicant as incomplete, and would abolish grace periods during which no fees are assessed in connection with the renewal of licenses.

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This bill would change the name of the Arbitration Review Program to the Arbitration Certification Program.

This bill would prohibit a registered nurse from petitioning to reinstate a license that has been revoked while the nurse is subject to an order of registration as a sex offender, rather than as a mentally disordered sex offender.

This bill would require that hearing aid dispensers who renew their licenses after their expiration, pay a delinquency fee.

This bill would revise certain provisions dealing with the process for appealing citations issued for violation of the Barbering and Cosmetology Program's rules and regulations.

This bill would revise provisions relating to the registration of private patrol operators and alarm company employees. This bill would require private patrol operators, and officers and employees thereof, to wear a uniform that is distinctive, and that includes a department approved patch on each shoulder and a department approved badge or cloth patch on the upper left breast of the uniform. This bill would revise certain provisions relating to the grounds for disciplinary action against funeral directors and embalmers.

This bill would revise and add certain registration provisions for automotive repair dealers. This bill would delete the requirement that the State Athletic Commission issue performance cards to all boxers who fight in California.

This bill would add the Division of Investigation to those agencies authorized to be given information relevant to an incident of elder or dependent adult abuse.

This bill would extend the sunset date of the Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind from January 1, 1999, to July 1, 2002, and would delete an obsolete reference to a related pilot project.

This bill would increase the renewal periods for licenses and registrations issued by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

This bill would prescribe certain standards pursuant to which the department may hold and manage conserved cemetery trust funds.

This bill would make additional technical and conforming changes.

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This bill would incorporate additional changes in Sections 7685.2 and 9741 of the Business and Professions Code, proposed by AB 1705, to be operative only if AB 1705 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on January 1, 1999, and this bill is chaptered last.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101 of the Business and
- 2 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 3 101. The department is comprised of:
- 4 (a) The Board of Dental Examiners of California.
- 5 (b) The Medical Board of California.
- 6 (c) The State Board of Optometry.
- 7 (d) The California State Board of Pharmacy.
- 8 (e) The Veterinary Medical Board.
- 9 (f) The Board of Accountancy.
- 10 (g) The California State Board of Architectural
- 11 Examiners.
- 12 (h) The State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.
- 13 (i) The Board for Professional Engineers and Land
- 14 Surveyors.
- 15 (j) The Contractors' State License Board.
- 16 (k) The Funeral Directors and Embalmers Program.
- 17 (1) The Structural Pest Control Board.
- 18 (m) The Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal
- 19 Insulation.
- 20 (n) The Board of Registered Nursing.
- 21 (o) The Board of Behavioral Science Examiners.
- 22 (p) The State Athletic Commission.
- 23 (q) The Cemetery Program.
- 24 (r) The State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- 25 (s) The Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.
- 26 (t) The Court Reporters Board of California.
- 27 (u) The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
- 28 Technicians.
- 29 (v) The California State Board of Landscape
- 30 Architects.

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- 1 (w) The Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair.
- 2 (x) The Division of Investigation.
- 3 (y) The Bureau of Automotive Repair.
- 4 (z) The State Board of Registration for Geologists and 5 Geophysicists.
- 6 (aa) The State Board of Nursing
- 7 Administrators.
- 8 (ab) The Respiratory Care Examining Committee.
 - (ac) The Acupuncture Examining Committee.
- 10 (ad) The Board of Psychology.
- 11 (ae) The California Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- 12 (af) The Physical Therapy Board.
- 13 (ag) The Arbitration Review Program.
 - (ah) The Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.
- 15 (ai) The Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining
- 16 Committee.
- 17 (aj) The Physician Assistant Examining Committee.
- 18 (ak) The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- 19 Board

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- 20 (al) Any other boards, offices, or officers subject to its jurisdiction by law.
- 22 SEC. 2.
- 23 SECTION 1. Section 130 of the Business and 24 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 25 130. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 26 the term of office of any member of an agency designated
- 27 in subdivision (b) shall be for a term of four years expiring 28 on June 1.
- 29 (b) Subdivision (a) applies to the following boards or 30 committees:
- 31 (1) Medical Board of California.
- 32 (2) California Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- 33 (3) Physical Therapy Examining Committee.
- 34 (4) Board of Registered Nursing.
- 35 (5) Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric
- 36 Technicians.
- 37 (6) State Board of Optometry.
- 38 (7) California State Board of Pharmacy.
- 39 (8) Veterinary Medical Board.
- 40 (9) California Board of Architectural Examiners.

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- 1 (10) California State Board of Landscape Architects.
- 2 (11) State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.
- 3 (12) Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
- 5 (13) Contractors' State License Board.
 - (14) State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- 7 (15) Funeral Directors and Embalmers Program.
- (16) Board of Behavioral Science Examiners. 8
 - (17) Structural Pest Control Board.
- 10 (18) Cemetery Program.
- 11 (19) Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair Advisory Board. 12
- (20) Court Reporters Board of California. 13
- 14 (21) State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists. 15
- (22) State Athletic Commission. 16
- 17 (23) Osteopathic Medical Board of California.
- 18 (24) The Respiratory Care Board of California.
- (25) The Acupuncture Examining Committee. 19
- 20 (26) The Board of Psychology.
- 21 SEC. 2.5.

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- 22 SEC. 2. Section 142 is added to the Business and 23 Professions Code, to read:
 - 142. This section shall apply to the bureaus and programs under the direct authority of the director, and to any board that, with the prior approval of the director, elects to have the department administer one or more of the licensing services set forth in this section.
- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each bureau and program may synchronize the renewal dates 30 of licenses granted to applicants with more than one license issued by the bureau or program. To the extent practicable, fees shall be prorated or adjusted so that no 34 applicant shall be required to pay a greater or lesser fee than he or she would have been required to pay if the 36 change in renewal dates had not occurred.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 37 38 abandonment date for an application that has been returned to the applicant as incomplete shall be 12 months from the date of returning the application.

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- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a delinquency, penalty, or late fee shall be assessed if the renewal fee is not postmarked by the renewal expiration 4 date.
- 5 SEC. 3. Section 144 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read: 6
- 7 144. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an agency designated in subdivision (b) shall require an 8 9 applicant to furnish to the agency a full set of fingerprints 10 for purposes of conducting criminal history record checks. Any agency designated in subdivision (b) may obtain and receive, at its discretion, criminal history 12 information from the Department of Justice and the 13 14 United States Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (b) Subdivision (a) applies to the following boards or 15 16 committees:
- 17 (1) Board of Accountancy.
- 18 (2) State Athletic Commission.
- 19 (3) Board of Behavioral Sciences.
- 20 (4) Court Reporters Board of California.
- 21 (5) State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind.
- 22 (6) California State Board of Pharmacy.
- 23 (7) Board of Registered Nursing.
- (8) Veterinary Medical Board. 24
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- (10) Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric 27
- 28 Technicians.
- 29 (11) Respiratory Care Board.
 - (12) Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee.
- 31 (13) Physical Therapy Board of California.
- (14) Physician Assistant Examining Committee. 32
- 33 (15) Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- 34 Board.

- 35 (16) Medical Board of California.
- 36 (17) Board of Nursing Home Administrators.
- 37 (18) Board of Optometry.
- (19) Acupuncture Committee. 38
- 39 (20) Cemetery Program.
- (21) Funeral Director and Embalmer Program. 40

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1 (22) Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

- 2 (23) Division of Investigation.
- 3 (24) Board of Psychology.
- 4 SEC. 3.5.

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- SEC. 3. Section 472.5 of the Business and Professions 5 Code is amended to read:
- Motor 472.5. The New Vehicle Board Department of Motor Vehicles shall, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in this section, administer the 10 collection of fees for the purposes of fully funding the administration of this chapter.
- (a) Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be 13 deposited in the Certification Account in the Consumer 14 Affairs Fund and shall be available, upon appropriation the Legislature, exclusively to pay the expenses 15 by 16 incurred by the department in administering this chapter and to pay the New Motor Vehicle Board as provided in Section 3016 of the Vehicle Code. If, at the conclusion of any fiscal year, the amount of fees collected exceeds the amount of expenditures for that purpose during that fiscal year, the surplus in the Certification Account shall be carried over into the succeeding fiscal year.
- 23 (b) Beginning July 1, 1988, and on or before May 1 of 24 each calendar year thereafter, every manufacturer shall 25 file with the New Motor Vehicle Board a statement of the number of motor vehicles sold, leased, or otherwise distributed by or for the manufacturer in this state during the preceding calendar year, and shall, upon written notice delivered to the manufacturer by certified mail, 30 return receipt requested, pay to the New Motor Vehicle Board a fee, not to exceed one dollar (\$1) for each motor vehicle sold, leased, or distributed by or for the manufacturer in this state during the preceding calendar 34 year. The total fee paid by each manufacturer shall be 35 rounded to the nearest dollar in the manner described in 36 Section 9559 of the Vehicle Code. Not more than one dollar (\$1) shall be charged, collected, or received from 37 or more manufacturers pursuant 38 any one this subdivision with respect to the same motor vehicle.

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(c) (1) The fee required by subdivision (b) is due and payable not later than 30 days after the manufacturer has received notice of the amount due and is delinquent after that time. A penalty of 10 percent of the amount delinquent shall be added to that amount, if delinquency continues for more than 30 days.

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- (2) If a manufacturer fails to file the statement required by subdivision (b) by the date specified, the New Motor Vehicle Board shall assess the amount due 10 from the manufacturer by using as the number of motor vehicles sold, leased, or otherwise distributed by or for the manufacturer in this state during the preceding calendar year the total number of new registrations of all motor 14 vehicles sold, leased, or otherwise distributed by or for the 15 manufacturer during the preceding calendar year.
 - (d) On or before February 1 of each year, the department shall notify the New Motor Vehicle Board of the dollar amount necessary to fully fund the program established by this chapter during the following fiscal year. The New Motor Vehicle Board shall use this information in calculating the amounts of the fees to be collected from manufacturers pursuant to this section.
- (e) For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" 24 means a new passenger or commercial motor vehicle of a kind that is required to be registered under the Vehicle Code, but the term does not include a motorcycle, a motor home, or any vehicle whose gross weight exceeds 10,000 pounds.
 - New Vehicle Board (f) The Motor mav regulations to implement this section. The regulations shall include, at a minimum, a formula for calculating the fee, established pursuant to subdivision (b), for each motor vehicle and the total amount of fees to be collected from each manufacturer.
- 35 (g) Any revenues already received by the Arbitration 36 Certification Program and deposited in the Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund for the 1991–92 fiscal year that have not yet been spent shall be deposited into the Certification Account in the Consumer Affairs Fund.

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SEC. 4. Section 2639 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

graduate of 2639. Every an approved physical therapist education program who has filed a complete 5 application for licensure with the board for the first time may, following receipt of a letter of authorization to perform as a "physical therapist license applicant." perform as a physical therapist under the direct and immediate supervision of a physical therapist licensed in 10 this state pending the results of the first licensing examination administered for which he or she is eligible following graduation from an approved physical therapist 12 education program. During this period the applicant shall 14 identify himself or herself only as a "physical therapist 15 license applicant." If the applicant passes 16 examination, the physical therapist license applicant status shall remain in effect until a regular renewable 17 18 license is issued, or licensure is denied, by the board. If the applicant fails the licensing examination, or if he or she 20 passes the examination but licensure is denied, applicant shall be prohibited from performing as a physical therapist license applicant at any time in the 23 future.

A person shall not be considered a graduate unless he 25 or she has successfully completed all the clinical training internships required for and graduation from program.

If the applicant fails to take the next succeeding 29 examination without due cause or fails to pass the 30 examination or receive a license, all privileges under this section shall terminate upon notice by certified mail, return receipt requested. An applicant may only qualify once to perform as a physical therapist license applicant.

- 34 SEC. 5. Section 2640 of the Business and Professions 35 Code is amended to read:
- 2640. (a) If the board uses computer administered 36 administration of 37 testing for the the licensing examination, this section shall apply and Section 2639 38 shall not apply.

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- (b) Every graduate of an approved physical therapist 1 2 education program who has filed a complete application for licensure with the board for the first time may, following receipt of a letter of authorization to take the examination and perform as a "physical licensing applicant," perform as a physical therapist license 6 therapist under the direct and immediate supervision of a physical therapist licensed in this state, for 90 days 9 pending the results of the first licensing examination 10 administered. During this period, the applicant shall identify himself or herself only as a "physical therapist applicant." 12 license If the applicant passes 13 examination, the physical therapist license applicant 14 status shall remain in effect until a regular renewable 15 license is issued, or licensure is denied, by the board.
- (c) A person shall not be considered a graduate unless he or she has successfully completed all the clinical 17 training and internships required for graduation from the program.

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- (d) If the applicant fails to take the examination within 21 90 days or fails to pass the examination or receive a license, all privileges under this section shall terminate. An applicant may only qualify once to perform as a physical therapist license applicant.
- 6. Section SEC. 2655.11 of the **Business** and 26 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2655.11. A person holding an approval as a physical 28 therapist assistant issued by the board may use the title assistant" or "physical therapist "physical 30 assistant" or the letters "P.T.A." or any other words, letters, or figures that indicate that the person is an approved physical therapist assistant. No other person shall be so designated or shall use the term "physical 34 therapist assistant" or "P.T.A." The approval as a physical therapist assistant shall not authorize the use of the prefix 36 "L.P.T.," "R.P.T.," "P.T.," or "Dr." or the title "physical 37 therapist," "doctor," or any suffix or affix indicating or implying that the physical therapist assistant is a physical therapist or a doctor.

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7. Section SEC. 2655.91 of 1 the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

2655.91. Every graduate of an approved physical therapist assistant education program who has filed a 5 complete physical therapist assistant application with the board for the first time may, following receipt of a letter of authorization to perform as a "physical therapist assistant applicant" from the board, assist in the provision 9 of physical therapy under the direct and immediate 10 supervision of a licensed physical therapist pending the results of the first examination administered for which he 12 or she is eligible following graduation from an approved 13 physical therapist assistant education program. If the 14 applicant passes the examination, the physical therapist 15 assistant applicant status shall remain in effect until a 16 regular renewable approval is issued, or approval is the board. If the applicant fails 17 denied, 18 examination, or if he or she passes the examination but approval is denied, the applicant shall be prohibited from 20 performing as a physical therapist assistant applicant at 21 any time in the future.

During this period the applicant shall identify himself only as a "physical therapist assistant 23 or herself applicant."

If a person assisting in the provision of physical therapy 26 pursuant to this section fails to take the next succeeding examination without due cause or fails to pass the 28 examination or receive approval, all privileges under this section shall terminate upon notice by certified mail, 30 return receipt requested. An applicant may only qualify once to perform as a physical therapist assistant applicant.

A student is not eligible to work as a physical therapist assistant applicant until successful completion of clinical experience required for graduation from program.

SEC. 8. Section 2661.7 of the Business and Professions 36 37 Code is amended to read:

2661.7. (a) A person whose license or approval has been revoked or suspended, or who has been placed on probation, may petition the Physical Therapy Board of **— 13 — AB 2802**

California for reinstatement or modification of penalty, including modification or termination of probation, after a period of not less than the following minimum periods has elapsed from the effective date of the decision ordering that disciplinary action:

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- (1) At least three years for reinstatement of a license or approval revoked for unprofessional conduct, except that the board may, for good cause shown, specify in a revocation order that a petition for reinstatement may be filed after two years.
- (2) At least two years for early termination probation of three years or more.
- (3) At least one year for modification of a condition, or 14 reinstatement of a license or approval revoked for mental or physical illness, or termination of probation of less than 16 three years.
- (b) The petition shall state any facts as may be 18 required by the board. The petition shall be accompanied by at least two verified recommendations from physical 20 therapists licensed by the board who have personal knowledge of the activities of the petitioner since the disciplinary penalty was imposed.
- (c) The petition may be heard by the board. The board 24 may assign the petition to an administrative law judge 25 designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code. 26 After a hearing on the petition, the administrative law judge shall provide a proposed decision to the committee 28 that shall be acted upon in accordance Administrative Procedure Act.
- (d) The board or the administrative law judge hearing 31 the petition, may consider all activities of the petitioner since the disciplinary action was taken, the offense for which the petitioner was disciplined, the petitioner's 34 activities during the the license was in good time standing. and the petitioner's rehabilitative efforts. 36 general reputation for truth, and professional ability. The 37 hearing may be continued, as the administrative law 38 judge designated in Section 11371 of the Government 39 Code finds necessary.

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- law (e) The administrative iudge designated Section 11371 of the Government Code when hearing a petition for reinstating a license or approval, or modifying a penalty, may recommend the imposition of any terms and conditions deemed necessary.
- (f) No petition shall be considered while the petitioner is under sentence for any criminal offense, including any period during which the petitioner is on court-imposed probation or parole. No petition shall be considered while 10 there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against the person. The board may deny, without a hearing or argument, any petition filed pursuant to this 12 section within a period of two years from the effective date of the prior decision following a hearing under this 15 section.
 - (g) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter Sections 822 and 823.
- SEC. 9. Section 2665 of the Business and Professions 19 Code is amended to read:
- 2665. Each diversion evaluation committee has the 21 following duties and responsibilities:
- (a) The evaluation of physical therapists and physical 23 therapist assistants who request participation in the program and the consideration of any recommendations on the admission 25 from professional consultants applicants to the diversion program.
- (b) The review and designation of treatment facilities 28 to which physical therapists and physical assistants in the diversion program may be referred.
 - (c) The receipt and review of information concerning physical therapists and physical therapist assistants participating in the program.
- 33 (d) Calling meetings as necessary to consider the 34 requests of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to participate in the diversion program, to 36 consider reports regarding participants in the program, and to consider any other matters referred to it by the 38 board.

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(e) The consideration of whether each participant in the diversion program may with safety continue or resume the practice of physical therapy.

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- (f) Setting forth in writing a treatment program for participant in the diversion program requirements for supervision and surveillance.
- (g) Holding a general meeting at least twice a year, which shall be open and public, to evaluate the diversion program's progress, to prepare reports to be submitted to 10 the board, and to suggest proposals for changes in the diversion program.
- (h) For the purposes of Division 3.6 (commencing 13 with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code, any 14 member of a diversion evaluation committee shall be 15 considered a public employee. No board or diversion 16 evaluation committee member, contractor, or thereof, shall be liable for any civil damage because of acts 18 or omissions which may occur while acting in good faith in a program established pursuant to this article.
 - SEC. 10. Section 2688 of the Business and Professions Code, as added by Section 12 of Chapter 830 of the Statutes of 1996, is amended to read:
- 2688. The amount of fees provided in connection with 24 licenses or approvals for the practice of physical therapy 25 is as follows:
- (a) The application fee for a physical therapist's 27 license shall be established by the board at not more than seventy-five dollars (\$75). The application fee for an applicant under Section 2653 shall be established by the committee at not more than one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).
- (b) The examination and reexamination fees for the physical therapist examination, physical therapist 34 assistant examination, and the examination 35 demonstrate knowledge of the rules and regulations 36 related to the practice of physical therapy shall be the actual cost to the board of the development and writing of, or purchase of the examination, and grading of each written examination, plus the actual cost of administering each examination.

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(c) The initial license fee for a physical therapist license shall be fixed by the examining board at not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

- (d) The renewal fee for a physical therapist license shall be fixed by the examining board at not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (e) A fee to be set by the board of not more than seventy-five dollars (\$75) shall be charged for each application for approval as a physical therapist assistant.
- (f) A fee to be set by the examining board of not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged for the issuance of and for the renewal of each approval as a physical therapist assistant.
- (g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency 15 fee shall be 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect.
 - (h) The duplicate wall certificate fee shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20). The duplicate renewal receipt fee shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20).
 - (i) The endorsement or letter of good standing fee is thirty dollars (\$30).
- (i) The amount of any fee established by statute or by 22 the board pursuant to statutory authority that is in effect when this section becomes operative on January 1, 1999, pursuant to subdivision (k), shall remain in effect after that operative date, unless the board establishes a fee amount that is less or greater than the previously established fee amount as permitted by law.
 - (k) This section shall become operative on January 1, 1999.
- SEC. 30 11. Section 2760.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2760.1. (a) A registered nurse whose license has been revoked, or suspended or who has been placed probation may petition the board for reinstatement or 35 modification of penalty, including reduction or 36 termination of probation, after a period not less than the minimum periods has following elapsed from effective date of the decision ordering that disciplinary action, or if the order of the board or any portion of it is stayed by the board itself or by the superior court, from

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the date the disciplinary action is actually implemented 2 in its entirety:

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- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, at least three years for reinstatement of a license that was revoked, except that the board may, in its sole discretion, specify in its order a lesser period of time provided that the period shall be not less than one year.
- (2) At least two years for early termination of a probation period of three years or more.
- (3) At least one year for modification of a condition, or reinstatement of a license revoked for mental or physical illness, or termination of probation of less than three years.
- (b) The board shall give notice to the Attorney 15 General of the filing of the petition. The petitioner and 16 the Attorney General shall be given timely notice by letter of the time and place of the hearing on the petition, 18 and an opportunity to present both oral and documentary evidence and argument to the board. The petitioner shall at all times have the burden of proof to establish by clear and convincing evidence that he or she is entitled to the relief sought in the petition.
 - (c) The hearing may be continued from time to time as the board deems appropriate.
 - (d) The board itself shall hear the petition and the administrative law judge shall prepare a written decision setting forth the reasons supporting the decision.
 - (e) The board may grant or deny the petition, or may impose any terms and conditions that it reasonably deems appropriate as a condition of reinstatement or reduction of penalty.
 - (f) The petitioner shall provide a current set of fingerprints accompanied by the necessary fingerprinting fee.
- (g) No petition shall be considered while the 36 petitioner is under sentence for any criminal offense, including any period during which the petitioner is on court-imposed probation or parole, or subject to an order of registration pursuant to Section 290 of the Penal Code. No petition shall be considered while there is

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accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against the petitioner.

- (h) Except in those cases where the petitioner has been disciplined for violation of Section 822, the board may in its discretion deny without hearing or argument any petition that is filed pursuant to this section within a period of two years from the effective date of a prior decision following a hearing under this section.
- SEC. 12. Section 2762 of the Business and Professions 10 Code is amended to read:
- 2762. In addition to other acts constituting within unprofessional conduct the meaning of chapter it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed 14 under this chapter to do any of the following:
- (a) Obtain or possess in violation of law, or prescribe, 16 or except as directed by a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, or podiatrist administer to himself or herself, or or administer to another. anv substance as defined in Division 10 (commencing with 20 Section 11000) of the Health and Safety Code or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022.
- (b) Use any controlled substance as defined 24 Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the 25 Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug or dangerous device as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public or to the extent that such use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.
 - (c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, or the possession of, or falsification of a record pertaining to, the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.
- (d) Be committed or confined by a court of competent 39 jurisdiction for intemperate use of or addiction to the use

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of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the court order of commitment or confinement is prima facie evidence of such commitment or confinement.

(e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to the substances described in subdivision (a) of this section.

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SEC. 12.5. Section 2984 **Business** the and 10 Professions Code is amended to read:

2984. Except as provided in Section 2985, a license which has expired may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of application for 14 renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal 16 date. If the license is renewed after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also 18 pay the prescribed delinquency fee, if any. Renewal 19 under this section shall be effective on the date on which 20 the application is filed, on the date on which the renewal 21 fee is paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, 22 if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the 23 license shall continue in effect through the expiration date provided in Section 2982 which next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire and become invalid if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 13. Section 3452 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3452. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an expired license may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the committee, and payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the 34 license is renewed after its expiration the licensee, as a 35 condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay 36 delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the renewal fee is paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the AB 2802 **— 20 —**

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license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 3451 which next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 13.3. Section 6980.28 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

6980.28. A locksmith license not renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed thereafter. Renewal of the license within three years, or 10 issuance of an original license thereafter, shall be subject to payment of any and all fines assessed by the chief or the director which are not pending appeal and all other applicable fees.

SEC. 13.5. Section 7215.6 of the Business and 15 Professions Code is amended to read:

7215.6. (a) In order to provide a procedure for the resolution of disputes between guide dog users and guide dog schools relating to the continued physical custody and use of a guide dog, in all cases except those in which the dog user is the unconditional legal owner of the dog, the following arbitration procedure shall be established as a pilot project.

(b) This procedure establishes an arbitration panel for 24 the settlement of disputes between a guide dog user and a licensed guide dog school regarding the continued use of a guide dog by the user in all cases except those in which the dog user is the unconditional legal owner of the dog. The disputes which may be subject to this procedure concern differences between the user and school over 30 whether or not a guide dog should continue to be used, differences between the user and school regarding the 32 treatment of a dog by the user, and differences over whether or not a user should continue to have custody of 34 a dog pending investigation of charges of abuse. It specifically does not address issues such as admissions to schools, training practices, or other issues relating to school standards.

38 (c) The licensed guide dog schools in California and the board shall provide to guide dog users graduating from guide dog programs in these schools a new avenue **— 21 — AB 2802**

for the resolution of disputes which involve continued use of a guide dog, or the actual physical custody of a guide dog. Guide dog users who are dissatisfied with decisions of schools regarding continued use of guide dogs may 5 appeal to the board to convene an arbitration panel composed of all of the following:

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- (2) One person designated by the licensed guide dog school.
- (3) A representative of the board who shall coordinate the activities of the panel and serve as chair.
- (d) If the guide dog user or guide dog school wishes to utilize the arbitration panel, this must be stated in writing to the board. The findings and decision of the arbitration panel shall be final and binding.
- (e) A licensed guide dog school which fails to comply with any provision of this section shall automatically be subject to a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per day for each day in which a violation occurs. The penalty shall be paid to the board. The license of a guide dog school shall not be renewed until all penalties have been paid.

The fine shall be assessed without advance hearing, but 24 the licensee may apply to the board for a hearing on the issue of whether the fine should be modified or set aside. This application shall be in writing and shall be received by the board within 30 days after service of notice of the 28 fine. Upon receipt of this written request, the board shall set the matter for hearing within 60 days.

(f) As a general rule, custody of the guide dog shall remain with the guide dog user pending a resolution by arbitration panel. In circumstances where immediate health and safety of the guide dog user or guide dog is threatened, the licensed school may take 35 custody of the dog at once. However, if the dog is 36 removed from the user's custody without the user's concurrence, the school shall provide to the board the evidence which caused this action to be taken at once and without fail; and within five calendar days a special committee of two members of the board shall make a AB 2802

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determination regarding custody of the dog pending hearing by the arbitration panel.

(g) The arbitration panel shall decide the best means 4 to determine final resolution in each case. This shall 5 include, but is not limited to, a hearing of the matter before the arbitration panel at the request of either party to the dispute, an opportunity for each party in the dispute to make presentations before the arbitration panel, examination of the written record, or any other 10 inquiry as will best reveal the facts of the disputes. In any case, the panel shall make its findings and complete its 12 examination within 45 calendar days of the date of filing 13 the request for arbitration, and a decision shall be 14 rendered within 10 calendar days of the examination.

All arbitration hearings shall be held at sites convenient 16 to the parties and with a view to minimizing costs. Each party to the arbitration shall bear its own costs, except 18 that the arbitration panel, by unanimous agreement, may modify this arrangement.

- (h) The board may study the effectiveness of the arbitration panel pilot project in expediting resolution and reducing conflict in disputes between guide dog users and guide dog schools and may share its findings with the Legislature upon request.
- (i) This section shall cease to be operative on July 1, 2002, and as of January 1, 2003, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which is enacted before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends that date.
- SEC. 14. Section 7410 of the Business and Professions 30 Code is amended to read:
- 7410. Persons to whom a notice of violation or a 32 citation is issued and an administrative fine assessed may appeal the citation to a disciplinary review committee 34 established by regulation by the director. All appeals shall be submitted in writing to the program within 30 days of 36 the date the citation was issued. Appeals of citations that are not submitted in a timely manner shall be rejected.
 - After a timely appeal has been filed with the program, the administrative fine, if any, shall be stayed until the appeal has been adjudicated.

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1 a citation, their appointed Persons appealing or 2 representatives, shall appear in person before the disciplinary review committee. The appellant may present written or oral evidence relating to the facts and circumstances relating to the citation that was issued. 6 Following an appeal before a disciplinary committee, the disciplinary review committee shall issue a decision, based on findings of fact, which may affirm, reduce, dismiss, or alter any charges filed in the citation. 10 In no event shall the administrative fine be increased. The appellant shall be provided with a written copy of the disciplinary review committee's decision relating to the 12 13 appeal. 14

14 SEC. 15. Section 7411 of the Business and Professions 15 Code is amended to read:

7411. Persons receiving a decision from a disciplinary 16 17 review committee may appeal the decision by filing a 18 written request, within 30 days after receipt of the 19 decision, to the program administrator. Following a 20 hearing to appeal the decision of a disciplinary review 21 committee, the director shall thereafter issue a decision, 22 based on findings of fact, affirming, modifying or vacating 23 the citation or penalty, or directing other appropriate 24 relief. In no event shall the administrative fine be 25 increased. The hearing to contest the decision of a disciplinary review committee shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government 29 Code, and the director shall have all powers granted 30 therein.

31 SEC. 16. Section 7412 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is repealed.

33 SEC. 17. Section 7413 of the Business and Professions 34 Code is amended to read:

35 7413. Appeals of citations not filed in a timely manner 36 or failure of the appellant or the appellant's 37 representative to appear before the disciplinary review 38 committee at the appointed time except when good 39 cause is shown, shall cause the citation to become final AB 2802 **— 24 —**

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and there shall be no administrative appeal except as otherwise provided by law.

3 7417 of SEC. 17.5. Section the **Business** and Professions Code is amended to read:

7417. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a 5 license that has expired for failure of the licensee to 6 renew within the time fixed by this article may be renewed at any time within five years following its expiration upon application and payment of all accrued 10 and unpaid renewal fees and delinquency fees. If the license is renewed after its expiration, the licensee, as a 12 condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay 13 delinquency fee and meet current continuing education 14 requirements, if applicable, prescribed by this chapter. 15 Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date 16 on which the application is filed, or on the date on which the accrued renewal fees are paid, or on the date on 17 18 which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever 19 occurs last. If so renewed, the license shall continue in 20 effect through the expiration date provided in this article which next occurs following the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

23 18. Section 7431.5 of the SEC. **Business** and 24 Professions Code is repealed.

18.1. Section 7503.14 of the Business SEC. and Professions Code is amended to read: 26

7503.14. A repossession agency license which is not 28 renewed within three years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter.

The holder of the repossession agency license may obtain a new license only upon compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter relating to the issuance of an original license.

34 SEC. 18.2. Section 7558.5 of the **Business** 35 Professions Code is amended to read:

7558.5. Except as otherwise provided in this article, an expired license or branch office certificate may renewed at any time within three years after expiration on filing of application for renewal on a form prescribed by the director, and payment of the renewal <u>__ 25 __</u> **AB 2802**

fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date. If the license or certificate is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed in this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the renewal fee is paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license or certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 10 7558 which next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed. 12 13

Renewal of a license or certificate shall not prohibit the 14 bringing of disciplinary proceedings for an act committed before the effective date of the renewal.

Business 18.3. Section the SEC. 7560 Professions Code is amended to read:

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7560. A license or branch office certificate which is not renewed within three years after its expiration may be restored, reinstated, not renewed, or reissued thereafter.

The holder of the license or certificate may obtain a new license or certificate only on compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter relating to the issuance of an original license or certificate.

SEC. 18.5 Section 7582.26 of the Business Professions Code is amended to read:

7582.26. (a) Any licensee or officer, director, partner, or manager of a licensee may divulge to any law enforcement officer or district attorney, or his or her representative, any information he or she may acquire as to any criminal offense, but he or she shall not divulge to any other person, except as he or she may be required by law so to do, any information acquired by him or her except at the direction of the employer or client for whom the information was obtained.

(b) No licensee or officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a licensee shall knowingly make any false report to his or her employer or client for whom information was being obtained.

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- (c) No written report shall be submitted to a client except by the licensee, qualifying manager, or a person authorized by one or either of them, and the person submitting the report shall exercise diligence ascertaining whether or not the facts and information in the report are true and correct.
- (d) No licensee, or officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a licensee, shall use a title, or wear a uniform, or use an insignia, or use an identification card, 10 or make any statement with the intent to give an impression that he or she is connected in any way with the 12 federal government, a state government, or any political subdivision of a state government.
- (e) No licensee, or officer, director, partner, manager, 15 or employee of a licensee, shall enter any private building or portion thereof, except premises commonly accessible to the public, without the consent of the owner or of the person in legal possession thereof.
- (f) No private patrol licensee, or officer, director, 20 partner, manager, or employee of a private patrol 21 licensee shall use or wear a badge, except while engaged 22 in guard or patrol work and while wearing a distinctive 23 uniform. A private patrol licensee, or officer, director, 24 partner, manager, or employee of a private patrol 25 licensee wearing a distinctive uniform shall wear a patch 26 on each shoulder of his or her uniform that reads "private security" and that includes the name of the private patrol company by which the person is employed or for which the person is a representative and a badge or cloth patch 30 on the upper left breast of the uniform. All patches and badges worn on a distinctive uniform shall be of a standard design approved by the director and shall be clearly visible.
- (g) No licensee shall permit an employee or agent in 35 his or her own name to advertise, engage clients, furnish 36 reports or present bills to clients, or in any manner whatever conduct business for which a license is required under this chapter. All business of the licensee shall be conducted in the name of and under the control of the licensee.

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(h) No licensee shall use a fictitious name in connection with the official activities of the licensee's business.

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- (i) No private patrol operator licensee or officer, director, partner, or manager of a private patrol operator licensee, or person required to be registered as a security guard pursuant to this chapter shall use or wear a baton or exposed firearm as authorized by this chapter unless he or she is wearing a uniform which complies with the requirements of Section 7582.27.
- SEC. 18.6. Section 7585.20 of the Business 12 Professions Code is amended to read:

13 7585.20. (a) A firearms training facility certificate, a 14 firearms training instructor certificate, a baton training baton 15 facility certificate, or a training instructor 16 certificate which expires on or after January 1, 1985, shall be placed on a cyclical renewal and shall expire two years 18 following the date of issuance or assigned renewal date. 19 order to implement the cyclical renewal, population of licensees mentioned in this section shall be divided into 24 equal groups, the licenses of each group 21 22 to expire on the last day of each successive month. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the bureau shall have authority to extend or shorten the first term of 25 licensure following January 1, 1985, and to prorate the 26 required license fee in order to implement this cyclical renewal. unexpired certificate, renew an certificate holder shall apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the director and pay the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter. 30

- (b) If renewal is granted, evidence of renewal of the 32 certificate that the director may prescribe shall be issued to the certificate holder.
- (c) In the event the certificate holder fails to renew his 35 or her training facility certificate, the certificate shall be 36 automatically canceled, but may be reinstated within three years of the date of cancellation upon application reinstatement and upon the payment of reinstatement fee provided by this chapter. In the event the certificate holder fails to renew his or her training

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the certificate, certificate shall instructor be automatically canceled, but may be reinstated within 30 3 days of the date of cancellation upon application for upon the reinstatement and payment the 5 fee provided by reinstatement this chapter. Reinstatement of a canceled certificate shall not prohibit 6 the bringing of disciplinary proceedings for any act committed in violation of this chapter during the period 9 the certificate is canceled.

- (d) A firearms training facility, a firearms training instructor, a baton training facility, or a baton training instructor whose certificate has not been renewed may 12 obtain a new license only upon compliance with all of the provisions of this article relating to the issuance of an original certificate. 15
- (e) A firearms training facility, firearms training 17 instructor, baton training facility, or a baton training 18 instructor certificate shall not be renewed until any and all fines assessed pursuant to Section 7587.7 and not resolved in accordance with the provisions of that section have been paid.
- SEC. 18.7. Section 7586.2 of the Business and 23 Professions Code is amended to read:

7586.2. Except as otherwise provided in this article, an 25 expired license or branch office certificate may renewed at any time within three years after expiration on filing of application for renewal on a form 28 prescribed by the director, and payment of the renewal 29 fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date. 30 If the license or certificate is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent 32 to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed in this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be 34 effective on the date on which the application is filed, on 35 the date on which the renewal fee is paid, or on the date 36 on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license or certificate shall 38 continue in effect through the date provided in Section 39 7586 which next occurs after the effective date of the 40 renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

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- 18.8. Section 7586.5 of the **Business** 4 SEC. and 5 Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 7586.5. A license or branch office certificate which is not renewed within three years after its expiration may not renewed, restored, reinstated, thereafter.

The holder of the license or certificate may obtain a 10 new license or certificate only on compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter relating to the issuance of 12 13 an original license or certificate.

- 19. Section 14 SEC. 7587.8 of the **Business** and Professions Code is amended to read: 15
- 7587.8. The director may assess fines for the following 16 17 acts pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 18 7583) only as follows:
 - (a) Violation of subdivisions (a), (b), and Section 7583.2; twenty-five dollars (\$25) per violation.
- (b) Violation of subdivision (e) of Section 7583.2; 21 22 fifty-seven dollars (\$57) for each violation.
 - (c) Violation of subdivisions (g) and (h) of Section 7583.2; twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first violation and one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation for each violation thereafter.
 - (d) Violation of subdivision (d) of Section 7583.2; one hundred dollars (\$100) per violation.
- (e) Violation of subdivision (f) of Section 7583.2; two 29 30 hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per violation.
- SEC. 19.5. Section 7593.12 of the Business 32 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7593.12. An alarm company operator's license not 34 renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed thereafter. Renewal of the license within one year, or issuance of an original license thereafter, shall
- be subject to payment of any and all fines assessed 37
- pursuant to Section 7591.9 and not resolved in accordance
- 39 with the provisions of that section and payment of all applicable fees.

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20. Section 7598.7 of 1 SEC. the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7598.7. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), an 3 employee of a licensee may be assigned to work with a temporary application for registration until the bureau 5 issues a registration card or denies the application for registration. A temporary application for registration shall be a copy of the initial application. Any alarm agent 8 9 employee assigned to work must carry either a temporary application for registration or a valid registration. A 10 temporary application for registration shall in no event be valid for more than 120 days. However, the director may 12 extend the expiration date beyond the 120 days if there 13 14 is an abnormal delay in processing applications for registration. For purposes of this section, the 120-day 15 16 period shall commence on the date the applicant signs 17 and submits the application. 18

- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), an 19 who has been convicted of a crime prior to applying for registration shall not be issued a temporary application for registration and shall not be assigned to work as an alarm agent until the bureau issues a permanent registration card. This subdivision shall apply only if the applicant for registration has disclosed the conviction to the bureau on his or her application form, or if the fact of the conviction has come to the attention of the bureau through official court or other governmental documents.
- 28 SEC. 21. Section 7601 is added to the Business and 29 Professions Code, to read:
- 30 7601. The following terms as used in this chapter shall 31 have meanings expressed in this section:
- (a) "Department" 32 means the Department of 33 Consumer Affairs.
- 34 (b) "Director" Director of Consumer means the 35 Affairs.
- (c) "Program" and 36 means the Funeral Directors Embalmers Program. 37
- SEC. 22. Section 7602 of the Business and Professions 38 Code is amended to read:

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7602. There is in the department the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Program, under the supervision and control of the director.

The director may appoint a chief at a salary to be fixed and determined by the director, with the approval of the Director of Finance. The duty of enforcing and administering this chapter is vested in the chief, and he or she is responsible to the director therefor. The chief shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

Every power granted or duty 10 imposed upon 11 director under this chapter may be exercised performed in the name of the director by a deputy 12 director or by the chief, subject to such conditions and limitations as the director may prescribe.

15 SEC. 23. Section 7603 of the Business and Professions 16 Code is repealed.

17 SEC. 24. Section 7604 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is repealed.

19 SEC. 25. Section 7605 of the Business and Professions 20 Code is repealed.

21 SEC. 26. Section 7606 of the Business and Professions 22 Code is amended to read:

7606. The program may, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, adopt and enforce reasonably necessary rules and regulations relating to:

- (a) The practice of embalming;
- (b) The business of a funeral director;
- (c) The sanitary conditions of places where such practice or business is conducted with particular regard to plumbing, sewage, ventilation and equipment;
- 31 (d) Specifying conditions for approval of funeral 32 establishments for apprentices and for approval of 33 embalming schools;
- 34 (e) The scope of examinations;
- 35 (f) Carrying out generally the various provisions of 36 this chapter for the protection of the peace, health, safety, 37 welfare and morals of the public.
- 38 SEC. 27. Section 7607 of the Business and Professions
- 39 Code is amended to read:

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The program may inspect the premises in which 1 the business of a funeral director is conducted or where embalming is practiced.

4 SEC. 28. Section 7607.5 of the **Business** and 5 Professions Code is repealed.

SEC. 29. Section 7608 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7608. The Director of Consumer Affairs may employ employees necessary administer the work of the program, in accordance with civil service regulations.

With the approval of the Director of Finance, and, subject to the provisions of Section 159.5, the program shall employ investigators and attorneys to assist the program in prosecuting violations of this chapter, whose 16 compensation and expenses shall be payable only out of the State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Fund.

SEC. 30. Section 7610 of the Business and Professions 19 Code is amended to read:

7610. All suits or actions commenced in the superior 21 court against the program shall be filed and tried either in the County of Sacramento, or in the county of the residence of the plaintiff or petitioner, or in the county where the act occurred, which is the basis of the suit or action.

SEC. 31. The heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 7615) of Chapter 12 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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32. Section SEC. 7616.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7616.2. A licensed funeral establishment shall at all times employ a licensed funeral director to manage, 36 direct, or control its business or profession. 37 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, 38 licensed funeral establishments within close geographical proximity of each other, may request the program to allow a licensed funeral director to manage, direct, or **— 33 — AB 2802**

control the business or profession of more than one 2 facility.

- 3 SEC. 33. Section 7618 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7618. An application for a funeral director's license 5 shall be written on a form provided by the program, 6 verified by the applicant, accompanied by the fee fixed by this chapter and filed at its Sacramento office.
- 9 SEC. 34. Section 7619.2 of the Business and 10 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7619.2. The program shall grant a funeral director's license to any applicant who complies with this article, 12 13 notwithstanding Section 7619, if the applicant can 14 demonstrate that he or she has complied with Section 7622 on or before July 1, 1999. 15
- SEC. 35. Section 7621 of the Business and Professions 17 Code is amended to read:

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- 7621. The applicant shall also furnish the program 19 with satisfactory proof that the facility in which he or she 20 intends to conduct business as a funeral director is or will be constructed, equipped and maintained in all respects as a licensed funeral establishment as defined in this chapter.
- SEC. 36. Section 7622.3 of the Business and 25 Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 7622.3. The program shall adopt regulations requiring continuing education of 14 hours every two years for licensed funeral directors.
- SEC. 37. Section 7625 of the Business and Professions 30 Code is amended to read:
- 31 7625. Upon receipt of an application for a license, the program shall cause an investigation to be made of the 32 physical status or plans and specifications of the proposed 34 funeral establishment, and of the other qualifications required of the applicant under this chapter, and for this 36 purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony. 37
- 38 The program shall grant a license if it finds that the proposed funeral establishment is or will be constructed and equipped as required by this chapter and that the

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applicant is qualified in all other respects as required by this chapter.

3 SEC. 38. Section 7626 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7626. The program shall examine and pass upon the qualifications of the applicant as to ability and experience before passing upon the physical status or plans and specifications of the proposed funeral establishment.

9 39. Section 7626.5 of the **Business** and 10 Professions Code is amended to read:

7626.5. Where a hearing is held to determine whether an application for a license should be granted, the proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with 14 Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the 15 Government Code, and the program shall have all of the 16 powers granted therein.

SEC. 40. Section 7628 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:

person, 7628. Any partnership, association, 20 corporation, or other organization desiring to change the location of a licensed funeral establishment shall apply 22 therefor on forms furnished by the program and shall include a fee fixed by this chapter.

The application shall be granted by the program upon 25 the filing with the program of a favorable report from an inspector concerning the physical status or plans and of proposed licensed specifications the funeral establishment to the effect that it conforms to requirements of this article.

SEC. 41. Section 7629 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7629. No funeral establishment shall be conducted or 33 held forth as being conducted or advertised as being conducted under any name which might tend to mislead the public or which would be sufficiently like the name 36 of any other licensed funeral director so as to constitute an unfair method of competition.

38 Any funeral director desiring to change the name appearing on his or her license may do so by applying to the program and paying the fee fixed by this chapter.

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1 SEC. 42. Section 7631 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7631. In case of the death of a licensed funeral director, who leaves an established business as part or all of the assets of his or her estate, the program may issue a special temporary license to his or representative, unless the legal representative committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.

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SEC. 43. Section 7632 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7632. Every funeral director shall cause all human remains embalmed in his or her funeral establishment to be embalmed by a regularly licensed embalmer, or by an embalmer apprentice under the supervision 16 regularly licensed embalmer.

SEC. 44. Section 7634 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:

7634. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a 20 licensed embalmer, at the request of a licensed physician, may remove tissue from human remains for transplant, or therapeutic, or scientific purposes specified in, pursuant to, the provisions of the Uniform Anatomical 24 Gift Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 7150) of 25 Part 1 of Division 7 of the Health and Safety Code), if such embalmer has completed a course in tissue removal for therapeutic, transplant, or or scientific approved by the Medical Board of California of the State of California.

SEC. 45. Section 7635 of the Business and Professions 30 31 Code is amended to read:

7635. (a) Any person employed by, or an agent of, a licensed funeral establishment, who consults with the 34 family or representatives of a family of a deceased person for the purpose of arranging for services as set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 7615, shall receive documented training and instruction which results in a demonstrated knowledge of all applicable federal and state laws, rules, and regulations including those provisions dealing with vital statistics, the coroner, anatomical gifts, and other AB 2802 — 36 —

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1 laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to the duties of a

- 2 funeral director. A written outline of the training
- 3 program, including documented evidence of the training
- 4 time, place, and participants, shall be maintained in the
- 5 funeral establishment and shall be available for
- 6 inspection and comment by an inspector of the 7 department.
- 8 (b) This section shall not apply to anyone who has 9 successfully passed the funeral director's examination 10 pursuant to Section 7622.
 - SEC. 46. Section 7640 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 13 An embalmer is one who is duly qualified to 14 disinfect or preserve human remains by the injection or application of antiseptics, 15 external disinfectants or fluids; prepare human 16 preservative to bodies for transportation which are dead of contagious or infectious 17 diseases; and to use derma surgery or plastic art for restoring mutilated features; and who is duly licensed as an embalmer under the laws of the State of California.
- 21 SEC. 47. Section 7641 of the Business and Professions 22 Code is amended to read:
 - 7641. It is unlawful for any person to embalm a body, or engage in, or hold himself or herself out as engaged in practice as an embalmer, unless he or she is licensed by the program. However, this section shall have no effect on students and instructors of embalming in embalming colleges approved by the program.
- 28 colleges approved by the program.
 29 SEC. 48. Section 7642 of the Business and Professions
 30 Code is amended to read:
- 31 7642. An application for an embalmer's license shall 32 be written on a form provided by the program, verified 33 by the applicant, and accompanied by the fee fixed by this 34 chapter.
- 35 SEC. 49. Section 7643 of the Business and Professions 36 Code is amended to read:
- 37 7643. In order to qualify for a license as an embalmer, 38 the applicant shall comply with all of the following 39 requirements:
 - (a) Be over 18 years of age.

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(b) Not have committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.

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- (c) Furnish proof showing completion of a high school course or instead he or she may furnish the program with evidence that he or she has been licensed and has practiced as an embalmer for a minimum of three years within the seven years preceding his or her application in any other state or country and that the license has never been suspended or revoked for unethical conduct.
- least (d) Have completed at two years apprenticeship under embalmer licensed and an engaged in practice as an embalmer in this state in a 13 funeral establishment which shall have been approved 14 for apprentices by the program and while so apprenticed 15 shall have assisted in embalming not fewer than 100 16 human remains; provided, however, that a person who has been licensed and has practiced as an embalmer for 18 a minimum of three years within the seven years preceding his or her application in any other state or 20 country and whose license has never been suspended or 21 revoked for unethical conduct shall not be required to serve any apprenticeship in this state.
- (e) Have successfully completed of a course 24 instruction of not less than one academic year in an embalming school approved by the program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.
- 28 SEC. 50. Section 7646 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7646. The program shall require the applicant to pass 30 31 examination, which shall include the following 32 subjects:
 - (a) Theory and practice of embalming.
- 34 including (b) Anatomy, histology, embryology and 35 dissection.
 - (c) Pathology and bacteriology.
- (d) Hygiene, including sanitation and public health. 37
- 38 (e) Chemistry, including toxicology.
- 39 (f) Restorative art, including plastic surgery and 40 demisurgery.

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- 1 rules and regulations of the program, (g) Laws, including those sections of the Health and Safety Code which pertain to the funeral industry.
- SEC. 51. Section 7647 of the Business and Professions 5 Code is amended to read:
 - 7647. The program shall examine applicants embalmer's licenses at least once annually.
- Examinations shall be held at such times and places as 8 9 may be determined by the program.
- Notice of the time and place of such examinations shall 10 11 be given as determined by the program.
- 12 52. Section 7647.5 of SEC. the **Business** and 13 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 14 7647.5. Where a hearing is held to determine whether an application for a license should be granted, the 15 proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with 16 17 Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of 18 Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the program shall have all of the powers granted therein.
- 20 SEC. 53. Section 7650 of the Business and Professions 21 Code is amended to read:
- 7650. From time to time, the program may examine 23 the the issuance of requirements for licenses embalmers in other states of the United States and cause a record to be kept of those states in which standards are embalmers, maintained for not lower than provided in this chapter.
- SEC. 54. Section 7651 of the Business and Professions 29 Code is amended to read:
- 30 7651. The program shall adopt regulations requiring 31 continuing education of 14 hours every two years for licensed embalmers. 32
- 33 SEC. 55. Section 7661 of the Business and Professions 34 Code is amended to read:
- 35 7661. An application for registration as an embalmer's 36 apprentice shall be made upon a form provided by the program, verified by the applicant and accompanied by 37 the fee fixed by this chapter. 38
- SEC. 56. Section 7662 of the Business and Professions 39 Code is amended to read: 40

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7662. In order to qualify as an apprentice embalmer, an applicant shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(a) Be over 18 years of age.

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- (b) Not have committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.
- (c) Furnish proof showing completion of a high school course or instead he or she may furnish the program with evidence that he or she has been licensed and has practiced as an embalmer for a minimum of three years within the seven years preceding his or her application in any other state or country and that the license has never been suspended or revoked for unethical conduct.
- SEC. 57. Section 7663 of the Business and Professions 15 Code is repealed.
 - SEC. 58. Section 7664 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7664. Certificates of apprenticeship issued pursuant to this article shall expire when the holder has been issued a license as an embalmer, or six years from the date of registration, whichever first occurs. The certificates may not be renewed, but an apprentice embalmer who has not completed his or her term of apprenticeship at the time his or her certificate expires may apply for reregistration upon compliance with Section 7661. The program may, 26 when the circumstances warrant, allow an apprentice credit under a reregistration for the time actually served under a previous registration, but no reregistration shall have the effect of continuing the term of apprenticeship beyond the period specified in Sections 7666 and 7666.5.
- 31 SEC. 59. Section 7665 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:
- 7665. registered apprentice embalmers All shall 34 the following requirements during comply with their period of apprenticeship:
 - (a) Shall file a report of apprenticeship as follows:
- (1) On or before January 15 of each year covering the 37 period of apprenticeship ending as of December preceding.

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of 1 (2) Upon change supervising embalmer or employer, or both.

- (3) Upon completion of apprenticeship.
- 4 (4) Upon application for leave of absence for a period 5 in excess of 15 days.
 - suspending apprenticeship (5) Upon to attend embalming college.
- (6) Upon application for reregistration after suspension or revocation of registration where complete 10 report of previous registration has not been filed.
- (b) The information contained in the report shall 12 consist of a concise summary of the work done by the apprentice during the period covered thereby, shall be 14 verified by the apprentice and certified to as correct by 15 his or her supervising embalmer and employer. Upon 16 request of the program, each funeral director in whose establishment an apprenticeship is being, or has been, 18 served, and each embalmer under whose instruction or supervision an apprenticeship is being or has been served, shall promptly file with the program a report or such other information as may be requested relating to the apprenticeship. Failure to comply with the request is cause for revocation by the program of the approval granted to the funeral director or embalmer for the 25 training of apprentices and is also a cause for disciplinary action against the funeral director or embalmer.
- SEC. 60. Section 7666 of the Business and Professions 28 Code is amended to read:
- 7666. (a) The term of apprenticeship shall be two 30 years. However if an apprentice after having served his or her apprenticeship fails to pass the examination for an embalmer's license he or she may continue for one additional term of apprenticeship, which shall be the apprenticeship permitted 34 maximum and provided 35 further that an apprentice may, upon filing an application 36 therefor, be permitted to continue the apprenticeship for a period not to exceed six months, if approved, for any of the following reasons:
- the processing of 39 (1) While awaiting applications submitted to the program. 40

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(2) While notification of of awaiting grades embalmers' examinations administered by the program.

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(3) While awaiting the commencement of a class of an college when the embalming school or apprentice intends to enroll in the school or college.

Applications filed for an extension of apprenticeship shall be filed by the applicant with the program not fewer than 15 days prior to the date the applicant requests the extension to commence.

- (b) Terms of apprenticeship may be served before, after, or divided by the embalming college course at the option of the apprentice; provided, however, that the term of apprenticeship must be completed, excluding 14 time spent in active military service, within six years from the date of original registration, or from the date an successfully passes the 16 apprentice examination embalmer's license required in Section 7646 of this code, 18 whichever first occurs, and provided further that if the 19 term of apprenticeship is not completed within six-year period, the program may require that applicant serve the additional term of apprenticeship, not to exceed two years.
- (c) A student attending an embalming college may 24 register as an apprentice during his or her college term but shall receive no credit for apprenticeship on the term required by this code unless he or she is also a full-time employee of a funeral director.
- (d) An apprentice while serving his or her required 29 term of apprenticeship shall be a full-time employee in the funeral establishment in which he or she is employed.
- 31 SEC. 61. Section 7667 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:
- 7667. (a) The program shall have the power to grant 34 leaves of absence and extensions of leaves of absence and approve absences during the term of apprenticeship.
- (b) A leave of absence, including any extensions, shall 36 37 not be approved for a longer period than an aggregate of one year. 38

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(c) No credit will be given to an apprentice on his or her apprenticeship for the period during which he or she is absent from duty on leave.

- (d) Application for a leave of absence and for an 5 extension thereof shall be made by the apprentice on a form provided by the program.
- (e) Upon termination of a leave of absence, the apprentice shall report that fact to the program within 10 days of his or her resumption of apprenticeship by 10 returning to the program, his or her certificate of registration accompanied by a statement as 12 resumption of apprenticeship which statement shall be certified as correct by the funeral director in whose 14 establishment he or she is to resume his or her duties and 15 by the embalmer under whose supervision he or she is to 16 resume his or her apprenticeship.
- (f) Failure to report within 10 days after the expiration 18 date of any leave of absence shall be cause for cancellation of the registration of an apprentice.
- 20 SEC. 62. Section 7668 of the Business and Professions 21 Code is amended to read:
- 7668. The program may suspend or revoke 23 certificate apprenticeship, after of notice and complaint and hearing in accordance with the provisions 25 of Article 6, if the apprentice is guilty of any of the following acts or omissions:
 - (a) Failure to devote full-time employment to the duties of his or her apprenticeship.
- (b) Failure to make any report required by this 30 chapter.
 - (c) Absence from duty except as provided in this code.
- (d) Being on duty as an apprentice while under the 32 33 influence of any controlled substance, as defined in 34 Division 10 (commencing with Section 11000) of the 35 Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug as defined 36 in Article 2 (commencing with Section 4015) of Chapter 37 9 of the Business and Professions Code, or alcoholic 38 beverages or other intoxicating substances, to an extent dangerous or injurious to himself, herself, any person, or the public to the extent that such use impairs his or her

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ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her certification.

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- (e) Disobedience of proper orders or instructions of his or her superior.
- (f) Violation of any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation of the program.
- (g) Soliciting business for a funeral director or for an embalmer in violation of this chapter.
- misrepresentation obtaining (h) Fraud or in a 10 certificate of registration as an apprentice.
- (i) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of an apprentice, in which case the record of conviction, or a certified copy, 14 shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- SEC. 63. Section 7669 of the Business and Professions 16 Code is amended to read:

7669. An apprentice who has had his or her certificate 18 of apprenticeship suspended or revoked may, within one year after the suspension or revocation apply 20 reregistration upon compliance with the law in effect at the time he or she so applies and payment of the apprentice application fee fixed by this chapter. reregistration shall have the effect of continuing an apprenticeship beyond the period specified in Section 25 7666.

The program may, when the circumstances warrant, allow an apprentice credit under a reregistration for the time actually served under a previous registration, but if the previous registration has been suspended or revoked for unprofessional conduct, not more than 75 percent of the time previously served shall be credited on the reregistration.

- SEC. 64. Section 7670 of the Business and Professions 34 Code is amended to read:
- 35 7670. (a) The apprenticeship required by this article 36 shall be served in a licensed funeral establishment that shall have been previously approved for apprenticeship training by the program. In order to qualify for approval the funeral director shall submit to the program an

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application, accompanied by the fee fixed by this chapter, showing:

- (1) That not less than 50 human remains per employed apprentice have been embalmed in the during 12 establishment the months immediately preceding the date of the application.
- (2) That the applicant has, and will continue to have, employment, for each two employed in his or her establishment, a California 10 embalmer who has had not less than two years' practical experience as a California licensed embalmer immediately preceding the date of the application. 12
- (3) That the licensed funeral establishment of that 14 applicant meets the requirements of law as to equipment, cleanliness and sanitation as determined by an inspection 16 report filed with the program.
- (b) Licensed funeral establishments under common 18 ownership within close geographical proximity of each other may request any of the following from the program:
 - (1) To be treated in aggregate for the purpose of meeting the requirements of paragraph subdivision (a).
 - (2) To designate one additional supervising embalmer per registered apprentice.
 - (3) To allow a registered apprentice to serve in any or all of the licensed funeral establishments requested and approved pursuant to this section.
- (c) Approval granted under this section shall 29 renewed annually upon application by the 30 director, showing continued compliance with foregoing provisions of this section, filed with program not later than January 15 of each year. An application for renewal shall be accompanied by the fee 34 fixed by this chapter.
- 35 SEC. 65. Section 7685.2 of the Business and 36 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7685.2. No funeral director shall enter into a contract 37 for furnishing services or property in connection with the 38 burial or other disposal of human remains until he or she has first submitted to the potential purchaser of such

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services or property a written or printed memorandum containing the following, provided such information is available at the time of execution of the contract:

- (a) The total charge for the funeral director's services and the use of his or her facilities, including the preparation of the body and other professional services, and the charge for the use of automotive and other necessary equipment.
- (b) An itemization of charges for following the 10 merchandise as selected: the casket, an outside receptacle and clothing.
- (c) An itemization of fees or charges and the total 13 amount of cash advances made by the funeral director for 14 transportation, flowers, cemetery or crematory charges, notices, clergy honorarium, newspaper transcripts. 16 telegrams, long distance telephone calls, music and such other advances as authorized by the purchaser.
 - (d) An itemization of any other fees or charges not included above.
 - (e) The total of the amount specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d).

If the charge for any of the above items is not known 23 at the time the contract is entered into, the funeral director shall advise the purchaser of the charge therefor, within a reasonable period after the information becomes available. All prices charged for items covered under Sections 7685 and 7685.1 shall be the same as those given under such sections.

- 65.5. Section 7685.2 of the SEC. Business Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7685.2. (a) No funeral director shall enter into a 32 contract for furnishing services or property in connection with the burial or other disposal of a dead human body remains until he or she has first submitted to the potential purchaser of such those services or property a written or printed memorandum containing the following information, provided such that information is available at the time of execution of the contract:

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(1) The total charge for the funeral director's services and the use of his or her facilities, including the preparation of the body and other professional services, and the charge for the use of automotive and other necessary equipment.

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(2) An itemization charges of for the following 8 merchandise selected: the casket, outside receptacle, and clothing.

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(3) An itemization of fees or charges and the total 12 amount of cash advances made by the funeral director for transportation, flowers, cemetery or crematory charges, 14 newspaper notices, clergy honorarium, transcripts, telegrams, long distance telephone calls, music, and such 16 any other advances as authorized by the purchaser.

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(4) An itemization of any other fees or charges not 19 included above.

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(5) The total of the amount specified in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive.

If the charge for any of the above items is not known 24 at the time the contract is entered into, the funeral 25 director shall advise the purchaser of the charge therefor, 26 within a reasonable period after the information becomes 27 available. All prices charged for items covered under 28 Sections 7685 and 7685.1 shall be the same as those given 29 under such sections.

(b) A funeral director shall obtain from the person 31 with the right to control the disposition pursuant to 32 Section 7100 of the Health and Safety Code, or the person 33 prearranging the cremation and disposition of his or her 34 own remains, a signed declaration designating specific 35 instructions with respect to the disposition of cremated 36 remains. The department shall make available a form 37 upon which the declaration shall be made. The form shall 38 include, but not be limited to, the names of the persons 39 with the right to control the disposition of the cremated 40 remains and the person who is contracting for the

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1 cremation services; the name of the deceased; the name of the funeral director in possession of the remains; the 3 name of the crematorium; and specific instructions 4 regarding the manner, location, and other pertinent 5 details regarding the disposition of cremated remains. 6 The form shall be signed and dated by the person arranging for the cremation and the funeral director in charge of providing service. 9

- (c) A funeral director entering into a contract to 10 furnish cremation services shall provide to the purchaser 11 of cremation services, either on the first page of the 12 contract for cremation services, or on a separate page attached to the contract, a written or printed notice 14 containing the following information:
- (1) FOR *MORE* INFORMATION ON**CEMETERY** 15 16 *AND* **CREMATION** *CONTACT:* MATTERS. Department of Consumer Affairs (800) 952-5210. 17
- (2) A person having the right to control disposition of 19 cremated remains may remove the remains in a durable 20 container from the place of cremation or interment, pursuant to Section 7054.6 of the Health and Safety Code.
- cremated remains container 23 accommodate all cremated remains of the deceased, the 24 crematory shall provide a larger cremated remains 25 container at no additional cost, or place the excess in a 26 second container that cannot easily come apart from the first, pursuant to Section 8345 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 29 66. Section 7685.3 of the **Business** SEC. 30 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7685.3. Commencing January 1, 1994, the current 32 address. name telephone number. and of Department of Consumer Affairs, Cemetery and Funeral 34 Programs shall appear on the first page of any contract for goods and services offered by a funeral director. At a 36 minimum, the information shall be in 8-point boldface type and make this statement:

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"FOR 39 MORE INFORMATION ON **FUNERAL** MATTERS. CONTACT: **DEPARTMENT** 40 OF AB 2802 — 48 —

1 CONSUMER AFFAIRS, (ADDRESS), (TELEPHONE 2 NUMBER)."

- 4 SEC. 67. Section 7686 of the Business and Professions 5 Code is amended to read:
- 7686. The program may suspend or revoke licenses, after proper notice and hearing to the licensee, if the licensee has been found guilty by the program of any of the acts or omissions constituting grounds for disciplinary action. The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the program shall have all the powers granted therein.
- 14 SEC. 68. Section 7686.5 of the Business and 15 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7686.5. All accusations against licensees shall be filed 16 17 with the department within two years after 18 performance of the act or omission alleged as the ground for disciplinary action; provided, however, foregoing provision shall not constitute a defense to an accusation alleging fraud or misrepresentation as a 21 ground for disciplinary action. The cause for disciplinary action in such case shall not be deemed to have accrued until discovery, by the program, of the facts constituting 25 the fraud or misrepresentation, and, in such case, the accusation shall be filed within three years after such 26 27 discovery.
- 28 SEC. 69. Section 7687 of the Business and Professions 29 Code is amended to read:
- 30 7687. Upon receipt of a complaint, the program may 31 make or cause to be made such investigation as it deems 32 necessary.
- 33 SEC. 70. Section 7687.5 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 35 SEC. 71. Section 7690 of the Business and Professions 36 Code is amended to read:
- 37 7690. The program may discipline every accused 38 licensee whose default has been entered or who has been 39 tried and found guilty, after formal hearing, of any act or 40 omission constituting a ground for disciplinary action.

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Any of the following penalties may be imposed by the 1 2 program:

- (a) Suspension of the disciplinary order.
- (b) Reproval, public or private. 4
- 5 (c) Probation.

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- (d) Suspension of the right to practice.
- (e) Revocation of the right to practice.
- (f) Such other penalties as the program deems fit.
- 9 SEC. 72. Section 7693 of the Business and Professions 10 Code is amended to read:
- 7693. False or misleading advertising as a funeral establishment, funeral director, or embalmer constitutes 12 13 a ground for disciplinary action.
- SEC. 73. Section 7696 of the Business and Professions 15 Code is amended to read:
 - directly or indirectly, of 7696. Employment, agent, assistant, embalmer, apprentice, employee other person, on part or full time, or on commission, for the purpose of calling upon individuals or institutions by whose influence human remains may be turned over to a particular funeral director or embalmer constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.
- SEC. 74. Section 7697 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:
 - 7697. The buying, after a death or while a death is impending, of funeral directing and embalming business by the licensee, the licensee's agents, assistants employees, or the direct or indirect payment, or offer of payment, of a commission by the licensee, the licensee's agents, assistants or employees for the purpose of such buying of business, constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.
- 33 SEC. 75. Section 7700 of the Business and Professions 34 Code is amended to read:
- 35 7700. Using profane, indecent, or obscene language in 36 the course of the preparation for burial, removal, or other disposition of, or during the funeral service for, human
- remains, or within the immediate hearing of the family or
- relatives of a deceased, whose remains have not yet been

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interred or otherwise disposed of constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.

- 3 SEC. 76. Section 7701 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 5 7701. Solicitation or acceptance by a licensee of any commission or bonus or rebate in consideration of 6 recommending or causing human remains to be disposed of in any crematory, mausoleum or cemetery constitutes 9 a ground for disciplinary action.
- SEC. 77. Section 7702 of the Business and Professions 10 11 Code is amended to read:
- 7702. Using any casket or part of a casket which has 13 previously been used as a receptacle for, or in connection 14 with the burial or other disposition of, human remains 15 constitutes a ground for disciplinary action; provided, 16 however, this section shall not apply to exterior casket hardware which is not sold to the purchaser, or where same is reserved by contract.
- SEC. 78. Section 7704 of the Business and Professions 19 20 Code is amended to read:
 - 7704. Violation of any state law or municipal or county ordinance or regulation affecting the handling, custody, care or transportation of human remains constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.
- SEC. 79. Section 7706 of the Business and Professions 25 Code is amended to read: 26
- 7706. Refusing to surrender promptly the custody of 28 human remains, upon the express order of the person lawfully entitled to its custody constitutes a ground for disciplinary action.
- 31 SEC. 80. Section 7708 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:
- 7708. The program, after a hearing, may deny the 33 34 application of a funeral establishment, funeral director, embalmer, or apprentice embalmer on proof that the
- applicant has committed acts or crimes constituting 36
- grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480. The
- 38 record of conviction, or a certified copy thereof, shall be
- conclusive evidence of the conviction.

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1 SEC. 81. Section 7709 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3 7709. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The 5 program may order the license suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation suspending imposition 10 is the of irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions 11 of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person 12 to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment. 15

SEC. 82. Section 7711 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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7711. When a funeral establishment, funeral director 19 or embalmer has had his, or her, or its license suspended, canceled, or revoked by the program, the program, upon written application by the licensee affected, upon not less than 10 days' notice to all parties of record in the particular case, and after hearing all evidence offered in support of and in opposition to that application, may, in its discretion, and upon those terms as it may deem just, reinstate the applicant.

SEC. 83. Section 7715 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7715. Anv person, partnership, association. corporation, or other form of organization, or any agent or representative thereof, who violates provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.

33 SEC. 84. Section 7718.5 of the **Business** and 34 Professions Code is amended to read:

7718.5. Every person as an individual, as a partner in 36 a partnership or as an officer or employee corporation, association or other organization, without a license, holds himself or herself out as a funeral director, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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SEC. 85. Section 7725 of the Business and Professions 1 Code is amended to read:

7725. Licenses issued under this chapter shall expire at 12 p.m. on January 31, 1969, and thereafter at 12 p.m. on January 31 of each year, if not in each instance renewed. To renew an unexpired license, the holder thereof shall on or before the date on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the program, and pay the renewal fee prescribed by 10 this chapter.

On or before the 10th day of December of each year, 12 commencing in 1968, the program shall mail to each funeral establishment, funeral director, 14 embalmer, addressed to him or her at his or her last known address, a notice that a renewal fee is due and 16 payable.

SEC. 86. Section 7725.2 of the **Business** and 18 Professions Code is amended to read:

7725.2. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a 20 license which has expired may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the program and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the 24 last regular renewal date. If the license is not renewed 25 within 30 days after its expiration the licensee, as a 26 condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal 28 under this section shall be effective on the date on which 29 the application is filed, on the date on which the renewal 30 fee is paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, 31 if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the 32 license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 7725 which next occurs after the effective date 34 of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

If a license is not renewed within one year following its 37 expiration, the program may require as a condition of renewal that the holder of the license pass an examination on the appropriate subjects provided by this chapter.

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SEC. 87. Section 7725.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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7725.5. A license which is not renewed within five years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated thereafter. The holder of the expired license may obtain a new license only if the holder pays all of the fees, and meets all of requirements, other than requirements relating 9 education, set forth in this chapter for obtaining an 10 original license, except that the program may issue a new license to the holder without an examination if the holder 12 establishes to the program's satisfaction that, with due 13 regard for the public interest, the holder is qualified to 14 engage in the activity in which the holder again seeks to licensed. The program may, 15 by appropriate 16 regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of all or any part of the application fee in those cases in which a license 17 is issued without an examination under this section.

The provisions of this section do not apply certificates of apprenticeship.

SEC. 88. Section 7727 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7727. On or before the tenth day of each month, the department shall pay into the State Treasury and report to the State Controller all the fees received for the program. The fees shall be received by the State Treasurer and placed in the State Funeral Directors and 28 Embalmers Fund. which fund is available expenditures necessary for the proper administration of this chapter.

31 SEC. 89. Section 7735 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:

7735. No funeral establishment licensed under the 34 laws of the State of California, or the agents or employees of a funeral establishment, shall enter into or solicit any 36 preneed arrangement, contract or plan, hereinafter 37 referred to as "contract," requiring the payment to the 38 licensee of money or the delivery to the licensee of securities to pay for the final disposition of human remains or for funeral services or for the furnishing of AB 2802 **— 54 —**

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personal property or funeral merchandise, wherein the use or delivery of those services, property or merchandise 3 is not immediately required, unless the contract requires 4 that all money paid directly or indirectly and all securities delivered under that agreement or under any agreement collateral thereto, shall be held in trust for the purpose for which it was paid or delivered until the contract is fulfilled according to its terms; provided, however, that 9 any payment made or securities deposited pursuant to 10 this article shall be released upon the death of the person for whose benefit the trust was established as provided in Section 7737. The income from the corpus may be used 12 13 to pay for a reasonable annual fee for administering the trust, including a trustee fee, to be determined by the program, and to establish a reserve of not to exceed 10 15 16 percent of the corpus as a revocation fee in the event of 17 cancellation on the part of the beneficiary.

None of the trust corpus shall be used for payment of any commission nor shall any of the trust corpus be used for other expenses of trust administration.

SEC. 90. Section 7737.3 the of **Business** 22 Professions Code is amended to read:

7737.3. All commingled preneed trust funds held by 24 a funeral establishment shall be subject to an annual, independent certified financial audit with a copy of the audit to be submitted to the program for review within 120 days of the close of the fund's fiscal year. Any findings of noncompliance with existing law regarding preneed trust funds shall be identified by the auditor in a separate report for review and action by the program. Audits and reports of noncompliance shall be filed simultaneously.

32 SEC. of 91. Section 7737.5 the **Business** and 33 Professions Code is amended to read:

7737.5. A trustee may deposit the corpus of the trust 35 in any financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit 36 Insurance Corporation.

SEC. 92. Section 7740 of the Business and Professions 37 38 Code is amended to read:

39 7740. The program is authorized to enforce of its own initiative the provisions of this article and may adopt such **— 55 — AB 2802**

rules and regulations as in its opinion may be necessary to perform such duties and to safeguard the trust funds 3 subject to this chapter.

7740.5 of 4 SEC. 93. Section the Business and 5 Professions Code is amended to read:

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7740.5. A funeral establishment shall pay to program the fee fixed by this chapter for filing with the program any report on preneed trust funds required by rules and regulations of the program adopted pursuant to Section 7740.

SEC. 94. Section 8556 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

13 8556. (a) Licensed contractors acting 14 capacity as such, may remove and replace any structure or portions of a structure damaged by wood-destroying 15 16 pests or organisms if such work is incidental to other work 17 being performed on the structure involved or if such 18 work has been identified by a structural pest control 19 inspection report. Licensed contractors acting in their capacity as such may apply wood preservatives directly to end cuts and drill holes of pressure treated wood, and to foundation wood as required by building codes, as well as to fencing and decking, by brush, dip, or spray method and need not obtain a structural pest control operator's license under this chapter for performance of that work, provided a disclosure in the following form is submitted to the customer in writing: "The application of a wood preservative is intended to prevent the establishment and flourishing of organisms which can deteriorate wood. If you suspect pest infestation or infection, contact a registered structural pest control company prior to the 32 application of a wood preservative."

These exemptions do not authorize the performance of any other acts defined in Section 8505.

(b) A licensed contractor may contract for the 36 performance of any soil treatment pest control work to eliminate, exterminate, control, or prevent infestations or infections of pests or organisms in the ground beneath or adjacent to any existing building or structure or in or upon any site upon which any building or structure is to AB 2802 **— 56 —**

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- be constructed, but the actual performance of any such work must be done by a registered structural pest control 3 company.
- SEC. 95. Section 9603 of the Business and Professions 4 5 Code is repealed.
- SEC. 96. Section 9603 is added to the Business and 6 Professions Code, to read:
- 8 9603. The following terms as used in this chapter shall 9 have the meanings expressed in this section:
- (a) "Department" 10 means the Department of 11 Consumer Affairs.
- 12 (b) "Director" the Director of Consumer means 13 Affairs.
 - (c) "Program" means the Cemetery Program.
- SEC. 97. Section 9604 of the Business and Professions 15 16 Code is amended to read:
- 9604. A cemetery broker is a person who, other than 18 in reference to an occasional sale, sells or offers for sale, 19 buys, or offers to buy, lists, leases or offers to lease, or 20 solicits, or negotiates the purchase or sale, lease or 21 exchange of cemetery property or interment services, or interest therein, for his or her own account or for another.
- 23 SEC. 98. Section 9605 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:
- 9605. A cemetery salesperson is a natural person who, 25 26 other than in reference to an occasional sale, is employed by a cemetery broker to sell, or offer for sale, list or offer 28 to list, or to buy, or to offer to buy, or to lease, or offer to 29 lease, or to solicit, or to negotiate the purchase or sale or 30 lease or exchange of cemetery property or interment services, or any interest therein, for his or her own account or for another. 32
- SEC. 99. Section 9625 is added to the Business and 33 34 Professions Code, to read:
- 35 9625. There is in the department, the Cemeterv 36 Program, under the supervision and control of the director. 37
- 38 The director may appoint a chief at a salary to be fixed and determined by the director, with the approval of the of Finance. The duty of enforcing

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administering this chapter is vested in the chief, and he or she is responsible to the director therefor. The chief shall serve at the pleasure of the director.

- 4 SEC. 100. Section 9626 of the Business and Professions 5 Code is repealed.
- 6 SEC. 101. Section 9626.5 of the Business and 7 Professions Code is repealed.
- 8 SEC. 102. Section 9627 of the Business and Professions 9 Code is repealed.
- 10 SEC. 103. Section 9628 of the Business and Professions 11 Code is repealed.
- SEC. 104. Section 9629 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.
- 14 SEC. 105. Section 9630 of the Business and Professions 15 Code is amended to read:
- 9630. The program may establish necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of this act and the laws subject to its jurisdiction and prescribe the form of statements and reports provided for in this act. The rules and regulations shall be adopted, amended, or repealed in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.
- 23 SEC. 106. Section 9630.5 of the Business and 24 Professions Code is repealed.
- 25 SEC. 107. Section 9631 of the Business and Professions 26 Code is amended to read:
- 9631. In the enforcement of this act and the laws subject to its jurisdiction, the program has all the powers and is subject to all the responsibilities vested in and imposed upon the head of a department under Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11150) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
- 33 SEC. 108. Section 9650 of the Business and Professions 34 Code is amended to read:
- 35 9650. (a) Each cemetery authority shall file with the program annually, on or before June 1, or within five
- 37 months after close of their fiscal year provided approval
- 38 has been granted by the program as provided for in
- 39 Section 9650.1, a written report in form prescribed by the
- 40 program setting forth the following:

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(1) The number of square feet of grave space and the number of crypts and niches sold or disposed of under endowment care by specific periods as set forth in the form prescribed.

- (2) The amount collected and deposited in both the general and special endowment care funds segregated as to the amounts for crypts, niches and grave space by specific periods as set forth either on the accrual or cash basis at the option of the cemetery authority.
- (3) A statement showing separately the total amount of the general and special endowment care funds invested in each of the investments authorized by law and the amount of cash on hand not invested, which statement shall actually show the financial condition of the funds.
- statement showing separately (4) A the description, and character of the investments in which 18 the special endowment care funds are invested. The statement shall show the valuations of any securities held 20 in the endowment care fund as valued pursuant to Section 9659.
- (5) A statement showing the transactions entered into 23 between the corporation or any officer, employee or stockholder thereof and the trustees of the endowment care funds with respect to those endowment care funds. The statement shall show the dates, amounts of the transactions, and shall contain a statement of the reasons for those transactions.
- (b) The report shall be verified by the president or 30 vice president and one other officer of the cemetery corporation. The information submitted paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) shall be accompanied by an annual audit report of the endowment care fund and 34 special care fund signed by a certified public accountant or public accountant. The scope of the audit shall include 36 the inspection, review, and audit of the general purpose financial statements of the endowment care fund and special care fund, which shall include the balance sheet, the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance.

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(c) If a cemetery authority files a written request prior to the date the report is due, the program may, in its discretion, grant an additional 30 days within which to file the report.

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SEC. 109. Section 9650.1 of the Business Professions Code is amended to read:

9650.1. Each cemetery authority requesting a change of filing date of the endowment care fund report from a calendar year to a fiscal year or a change in fiscal year shall file a petition with the program prior to the close of the 10 year of request. The program may approve such petition provided that no report shall be for a period of more than 12 months.

SEC. 110. Section 9650.2 of the **Business** and 15 Professions Code is amended to read:

9650.2. The report shall state the name of the trustee or trustees of the endowment care fund. Any change of trustee shall be reported to the program within a period of 30 days after the change is made.

SEC. 110.5. Section 9650.3 of the Business Professions Code is amended to read:

9650.3. A copy of each annual audit report shall be 23 transmitted to the program and shall be a public record. It shall also be open for public inspection at the offices of 25 the cemetery authority during normal business hours. If the cemetery authority does not maintain offices in the county in which its cemetery is located, it shall file a copy of the annual audit report with the county clerk of the county, which shall be subject to public inspection.

SEC. 111. Section 9650.4 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9650.4. (a) Any cemetery authority that does not file its report within the time prescribed by Section 9650 may be assessed a fine by the program in an amount not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) per month for a 36 maximum of five months. The amount of the fine shall be 37 established by regulation in accordance with the Procedure Administrative Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). Failure to pay the AB 2802 **— 60 —**

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fine within 15 days after receipt of written notification of the assessment or, where a timely request for waiver or reduction of the fine has been filed, within 15 days after receipt of written notification of the program's decision in the matter, shall be cause for disciplinary action.

- (b) A cemetery authority may request waiver reduction of a fine by making a written request therefor. The request shall be postmarked within the time specified above for payment of the fine and shall be 10 accompanied by a statement showing good cause for the request.
- (c) The program may waive or reduce the fine where 13 a timely request is made and where it determines, in its 14 discretion, that the cemetery authority has made a sufficient showing of good cause for the waiver or 16 reduction.
- SEC. 112. Section 9651 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:
- 9651. The program shall examine the reports filed 20 with it as to their compliance with the requirements of the Health and Safety Code as to the amount of endowment care funds collected and as to the manner of investment of such funds.
- SEC. 113. Section 9652 of the Business and Professions 24 25 Code is amended to read:
 - 9652. The program shall examine the endowment care funds of a cemetery authority:
 - (a) Whenever it deems necessary and at least once every five years;
 - (b) Whenever the cemetery authority in charge of endowment care funds fails to file the report required by this article: or
- (c) Whenever the accountant or auditor qualifies his 34 or her certification of the report that is prepared and signed by a certified public accountant licensed in the 36 state and prepared in accordance with Section 9650.
- 37 (d) The reasonable and necessary cost the 38 examination performed under subdivision (b) or (c) shall be paid by the cemetery authority.

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A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of the costs where actual costs are not available, signed by the director or his or her designee, shall be prima facie evidence of the reasonable and necessary costs of the examination.

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The actual and necessary expense of the examination under subdivision (a) shall, in the discretion of the program, be paid by the cemetery authority whenever the examination requires more than one day and the need 10 for continuing the examination is directly related to identified omissions and errors in the management of endowment care funds.

SEC. 114. Section 9652.1 of the **Business** 14 Professions Code is amended to read:

9652.1. If any cemetery authority refuses to pay such 16 expenses, the program shall refuse it a certificate of authority and shall revoke any existing certificate of 18 authority. All examination expense moneys collected by the program shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Cemetery Fund.

SEC. 115. Section 9653 of the Business and Professions 22 Code is amended to read:

9653. (a) In making the examination the program:

- (1) Shall have free access to the books and records 25 relating to the trust funds, their collection investment, and the number of graves, crypts and niches under endowment care.
- (2) Shall inspect and examine the trust funds determine their condition and the existence of 30 investments.
- (3) Shall ascertain if the cemetery corporation has 32 complied with all the laws applicable to trust funds.
- 33 (b) Upon request by the Department of Consumer 34 Affairs, a cemetery authority shall provide records to 35 substantiate the expenditures of the income of the trust 36 funds. If a cemetery authority fails to reasonably comply 37 with this request, the department may have access to books, records, and accounts of a cemetery authority for 39 purposes of ascertaining compliance with applicable 40 laws.

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1 SEC. 116. Section 9654 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3 9654. The administer oaths program may and under examine oath any person relative to the 5 care fund. Such examination endowment shall be conducted in the principal office of the person or body in charge of the endowment care fund and shall be private.

SEC. 117. Section 9655 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9655. If any examination made by the program, or any report filed with it, shows that there has not been collected and deposited in the endowment care funds the minimum amounts required by the Health and Safety 14 Code since September 19, 1939, the program shall require such cemetery corporation to comply with Sections 8743 and 8744 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 118. Section 9656 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:

9656. Whenever the program finds, after notice and 20 hearing, that any endowment care funds have been invested in violation of the Health and Safety Code, it 22 shall by written order mailed to the person or body in charge of the fund require the reinvestment of the funds 24 in conformity to that code within a period which shall be 25 not less than two years if the investment was made prior 26 to October 1, 1949, not less than six months if the investment was made on or after October 1, 1949, and before the effective date of the amendment of this section by the 1969 Regular Session of the Legislature, and not 30 less than 30 days if the investment is made on or after the effective date of the amendment. The period may be extended by the program in its discretion.

33 119. Section 9656.1 of the Business SEC. and 34 Professions Code is amended to read:

9656.1. The superior court of the county in which the 36 principal office of the cemetery authority in charge of endowment care funds is located shall, upon the filing by the program of a verified application showing any of the following conditions hereinafter enumerated to exist, issue its order vesting title to any endowment care funds <u>— 63 —</u> **AB 2802**

of a cemetery authority in the program, and directing the program forthwith to take possession of all necessary books, records, property, real and personal, and assets, and to conduct as conservator, the management of such endowment care funds, or so much thereof as to the program may seem appropriate:

- (a) That the cemetery authority has refused to submit its books, papers, accounts, or affairs to the reasonable examination of the program.
- (b) That the cemetery authority has neglected to observe an order of the program to make good within the time prescribed by law any deficiency in its investments of endowment care funds.

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- (c) That the cemetery authority is found, after an 15 examination, to be in such condition that its further 16 management of its endowment care funds will hazardous to its members, plotholders, or to the public.
 - (d) That the cemetery authority has articles of incorporation or any law of the state.
 - any officer, director, (e) That agent, employee of the cemetery authority person refuses to be examined under oath relative to the endowment care funds thereof.
- (f) That any person has embezzled or otherwise 25 wrongfully diverted any of the endowment care funds of the cemetery authority.

The order shall continue in force and effect until, on the application either of the program or of the cemetery authority, it shall, after a full hearing, appear to the court that the ground for the order does not exist or has been removed and that the cemetery authority can properly resume title and possession of its property and the management of its endowment care funds.

of the SEC. 120. Section 9656.2 Business and 35 Professions Code is amended to read:

9656.2. When it has been alleged by verified petition 37 pursuant to Section 9652 or when the program on its own 38 investigation determines that there is probable cause to believe that any of the conditions set forth in Section 9656.1 exist or that irreparable loss and injury to the

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endowment care funds of a cemetery authority has occurred or may occur unless the program so acts 3 immediately, the program, without notice and before applying to the court for any order, may take possession of the endowment care funds and the books, records, and accounts relating thereto of the cemetery authority, and retain possession subject to the order of the court. Any person having possession of and refusing to deliver any assets, books or records of a cemetery authority against 10 which a seizure order has been issued by the program shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine exceeding (\$1,000)12 one thousand dollars not 13 imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both that 14 fine and imprisonment. 15

121. Section 9656.3 of the **Business** SEC. and 16 Professions Code is amended to read:

9656.3. Whenever the program makes any seizure as 18 provided in Section 9656.2, it shall, on demand of the program, be the duty of the sheriff of any county of this 20 state, and of the police department of any municipal corporation therein, to furnish the department deputies, patrolmen or officers as may be necessary to assist the program in making and enforcing that seizure.

SEC. 122. Section 9656.4 of the Business and 25 Professions Code is amended to read:

26 9656.4. Immediately after effecting 27 pursuant to Section 9656.2, the program shall institute a proceeding as provided for in Section 9656.1. 29

SEC. 122.5. Section 9656.45 is added to the Business 30 and Professions Code, to read:

9656.45. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, 32 the department shall be the custodian of all moneys collected or surrendered pursuant to Sections 9656.1 and 34 9656.2. As custodian, the department may deposit those moneys, or any part thereof, without court approval, in 36 any of the following: a bank or trust company legally authorized and empowered by the state to act as a trustee 37 38 in the handling of trust funds; in a centralized State Treasury system bank account; or in funds administered by the State Treasurer.

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1 SEC. 123. Section 9656.5 of the Business and 2 Professions Code is amended to read:

- 3 9656.5. The program shall maintain, regulate, 4 operate, and control the property situated in Amador
- 5 County, referred to as the Elkin Property in Judicial
- 6 Council Coordination Proceedings Nos. 1814 and 1817,
- 7 Order Re Proposed Neptune Memorial, Disposition of
- 8 the Elkin Property, and Order Re Final Disposition of
- 9 Ashes of the Sacramento Superior Court, and legally
- 10 described as "Parcel 16-B as shown on the certain Record
- 11 or Survey for Eugene S. Lowrance, et ux, filed for record
- 12 May 17, 1971, in Book 17 of Maps and Plats at page 87,
- 13 Amador County Records." The program shall administer
- 14 and supervise endowment funds established by the court
- 15 for the property. The program shall exercise the authority
- 16 granted by this section for the sole purpose of protecting
- 17 the human remains resting on the property and 18 preserving the property in its natural state.
- 19 SEC. 124. Section 9657 of the Business and Professions 20 Code is amended to read:
- 9657. The program is authorized to bring action to enforce the provisions of the law subject to its jurisdiction, in which actions it shall be represented by the Attorney General.
- 25 SEC. 125. Section 9658 of the Business and Professions 26 Code is amended to read:
- 9658. The program shall enforce and administer Part 1 (commencing with Section 8100), Part 3 (commencing with Section 8250), and Part 5 (commencing with Section 9501) of Division 8 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 31 SEC. 126. Section 9659 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:
- 33 9659. In any report to the program all bonds, 34 debentures or other evidences of debt held by a cemetery 35 corporation if amply secured and if not in default as to 36 principal or interest may be valued as follows:
 - (a) If purchased at par at the par value.

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38 (b) If purchased above or below par on the basis of the 39 purchase price adjusted so as to bring the value to par at

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maturity and so as to yield the effective rate of interest on the basis at which the purchase was made.

- (c) In such valuation the purchase price shall in no case be taken at a higher figure than the actual market value at the time of purchase.
- SEC. 127. Section 9662 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

8 9662. The current address, telephone number, and name of the program shall appear on the first page of any 10 contract for goods and services offered by a cemetery authority or crematory. At a minimum, the information shall be in 8-point boldface type and make the following 12 13 statement:

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"FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CEMETERY AND 16 CREMATION MATTERS, CONTACT: THE **DEPARTMENT** OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, (ADDRESS), (TELEPHONE NUMBER)."

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A cemetery authority or crematory operator shall supply the above information in writing when presenting a sales contract to any individual.

- SEC. 128. Section 9675 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:
 - 9675. This article does not apply to the following cases or to the following persons:
- (a) A person acting with reference to an occasional 28 sale of his or her own property.
 - (b) The regular officers of a cemetery corporation holding a certificate of authority acting with reference to the corporation's property when they receive no special compensation therefor.
- 33 (c) Persons making an occasional sale under a duly 34 executed power of attorney from others.
- 35 (d) The services rendered by an attorney at law in 36 performing his or her duties in that capacity.
- 37 (e) A receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, any person acting under orders of any court, or a trustee selling 38 under a deed of trust.

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(f) A real estate broker or real estate salesperson, acting in that capacity in connection with the sale, lease or exchange of real property, or interest therein, when the transfer of cemetery property is purely incidental to the sale, lease or exchange of real property.

SEC. 129. Section 9676 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9676. No person shall engage in the business of, act in the capacity of, advertise or assume to act as, a cemetery broker or cemetery salesperson in this state without first obtaining a license from the program.

SEC. 130. Section 9677 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9677. Any act other than an occasional sale of buying 15 or selling, leasing or exchanging cemetery property or 16 interment services of or for another or on his or her own account, or offering for another or for his or her own account to buy or sell, lease or exchange cemetery interment services, property or or negotiating 20 purchase or sale, lease or exchange of cemetery property 21 or interment services, or negotiating the purchase or sale, 22 lease or exchange, or listing or soliciting, or negotiating a 23 loan on or leasing of cemetery property or interment services constitutes the person making such offer, sale or purchase, exchange or lease, or negotiating the loan, or 26 listing or soliciting, a cemetery broker or cemetery salesperson.

SEC. 131. Section 9678 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9678. No person engaged in the business or acting in the capacity of a broker or a salesperson within this state shall bring or maintain any action in the courts of this state for the collection of compensation for the performance of any of the acts mentioned in this article without alleging and proving that he or she was a duly licensed cemetery 36 broker or cemetery salesperson at the time the alleged cause of action arose.

37 38 SEC. 132. Section 9679 of the Business and Professions

39 Code is amended to read:

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1 9679. No shall cemetery broker employ or directly any person compensate, or indirectly, performing any of the acts within the scope of this article who is not a licensed cemetery broker, or a cemetery 5 licensed under the cemetery salesperson employing or compensating him or her. No cemetery 6 salesperson shall be employed by or accept compensation from any person other than the cemetery broker under 9 whom he or she is at the time licensed.

salesperson shall pay any compensation performing any of the acts within the scope of this article to any licensee except through the cemetery broker under whom he or she is at the time licensed.

For a violation of any of the provisions of this section, 15 the program may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke the license of the cemetery licensee in accordance with the provisions of this act relating to disciplinary proceedings.

SEC. 133. Section 9680 of the Business and Professions 20 Code is amended to read:

9680. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, whether obligor, escrowholder person, any otherwise, to pay or deliver to anyone a compensation for performing any of the acts within the scope of this article who is not known to be or who does not present evidence to such payer that he or she is a licensed cemetery broker at the time such compensation is earned.

For violation of any of the provisions of this section, the suspend program temporarily or permanently revoke the license of the cemetery licensee in accordance with the provisions of this act relating to disciplinary proceedings.

34 SEC. 134. Section 9681 of the Business and Professions 35 Code is amended to read:

9681. Any person acting as a cemetery broker or cemetery salesperson without a license, or who advertises 37 so as to indicate he or she is a cemetery broker without being so licensed, is guilty of a misdemeanor. If that **— 69 — AB 2802**

person is a corporation, it shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SEC. 135. Section 9682 of the Business and Professions 3 Code is amended to read:

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9682. Any cemetery salesperson or cemetery broker who sells, causes to be sold, or offers for sale any cemetery property upon the promise, guarantee or representation to the purchaser that the same may be resold or repurchased at a financial profit is guilty misdemeanor.

For violation of any of the provisions of this section, the temporarily suspend permanently program may or 13 revoke the license of the cemetery salesperson 14 cemetery broker in accordance with the provisions of this act relating to disciplinary proceedings.

No violation of any of the provisions of this section by any cemetery salesperson or employee of any licensed 18 cemetery broker shall cause the suspension or revocation of the license of the employer of the salesperson or employee unless it appears upon a hearing by the program that the employer had guilty knowledge of such violation.

SEC. 136. Section 9683 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:

9683. Every agent or employee of any officer, person company, and every other who knowingly aids authorizes, or directs in the publication, advertisement, distribution, or circularization of any false statement or representation concerning any cemetery or cemetery brokerage business and every person who, with knowledge advertisement, that any pamphlet, prospectus or letter concerning any cemetery brokerage business or any written statement that is false or 34 fraudulent, issues, circulates, publishes or distributes the same, or causes it to be issued, circulated, published or 36 distributed, or who in any other respect willfully violates or fails, omits or neglects to obey, observe or comply with any order, permit, decision, demand or requirement of the program under the provisions of this act relating to cemetery brokerage, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, if a AB 2802 **— 70 —**

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cemetery licensee, he or she shall be held to trial by the program for a suspension or revocation of this cemetery license, as provided in the provisions of this act relating to disciplinary proceedings.

5 SEC. 137. Section 9684 of the Business and Professions 6 Code is amended to read:

9684. Each cemetery broker, other than a cemetery corporation holding a certificate of authority, and each cemetery salesperson must include in any advertising a 10 statement that he or she is acting as a cemetery broker or cemetery salesperson.

12 SEC. 138. Section 9686 of the Business and Professions 13 Code is amended to read:

9686. Any person, other than a person making an 15 occasional sale, who advertises cemetery property for sale 16 or exchange, without being duly licensed as a cemetery broker or a cemetery salesperson, or without possessing 18 a certificate of authority as a cemetery corporation, is guilty of a misdemeanor. If such person is a corporation, 20 it shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SEC. 139. Section 9700 of the Business and Professions 23 Code is amended to read:

9700. Application for license as a cemetery broker 25 shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the program and filed at the principal office of the program. The application shall be accompanied by the original cemetery broker's license fee.

SEC. 140. Section 9700.5 of the **Business** 29 30 Professions Code is amended to read:

9700.5. The program shall not grant an original 32 cemetery broker's license to any person who is not a resident of this state. Change of residence to another state shall terminate the license. 34

35 SEC. 141. Section 9700.6 of the Business and 36 Professions Code is amended to read:

9700.6. The program shall not grant an original cemetery broker's license to any person who has not held a cemetery salesperson's license for at least two years prior to the date of his or her application for the broker's **— 71** — **AB 2802**

license, and during that time was not actively engaged in the business of a cemetery salesperson except that if an applicant for a cemetery broker's license having at least the equivalent of two years' general cemetery experience files a written petition with the program setting forth his or her qualifications and experience and the program approves, he or she may be issued a cemetery broker's 8 immediately upon passing the appropriate examinations and satisfying the other requirements of 10 this article.

SEC. 142. Section 9701 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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9701. Application for license a as cemetery 14 salesperson shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the program and filed at the principal 16 office of the program. The application shall be signed by the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the cemetery salesperson's license fee.

SEC. 143. Section of the 9702.1 Business 20 Professions Code is amended to read:

9702.1. The shall program investigate the qualifications of the applicants. Except as otherwise prescribed in this article, it may issue the license applied 24 for to an applicant on a showing satisfactory to it that the 25 following facts exist:

- (a) The applicant is properly qualified to perform the duties of a cemetery broker or salesperson.
- (b) Granting the license will not be against public 29 interest.
 - (c) The applicant intends actively and in good faith to carry on the business of a cemetery broker or a cemetery salesperson.
- (d) In the case of a corporate applicant, the articles of 34 incorporation permit it to act as a cemetery broker.
- (e) In the case of an association or copartnership 36 applying for such a license its articles of association or agreement of partnership authorize it to act as a cemetery broker.
- 39 (f) The license is not being secured for the purpose of permitting the applicant to advertise as a cemetery

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l broker or salesperson without actually engaging in such business.

- (g) The applicant has not committed acts or crimes constituting grounds for denial of licensure under Section 480.
- 6 SEC. 144. Section 9702.2 of the Business and 7 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 8 9702.2. All cemetery brokers who do not possess a 9 certificate of authority in addition shall 10 requirements of this chapter file with the program a satisfactory bond to the people of the State of California, duly executed by a sufficient surety or sureties to be 12 13 approved by the program, in the amount of ten thousand 14 dollars (\$10,000). That bond shall be conditioned for the 15 honest and faithful performance by such broker and his 16 or her salespersons and employees of any undertaking as 17 a licensed cemetery broker or salesperson or employee of said broker at any time when licensed under this chapter, and the strict compliance with the provisions of this chapter and of Division 8 of the Health and Safety Code 21 relating to cemeteries, and the honest and faithful 22 application of all funds received. That bond shall be 23 further conditioned upon the payment of all damages suffered by any person damaged or defrauded by reason 25 of the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or 26 of Division 8 of the Health and Safety Code relating to cemeteries, or by reason of the violation of the obligation of such broker as an agent, as such obligations are laid down by the Civil Code of the State of California, or by reason of any fraud connected with or growing out of any transactions contemplated by this chapter or Division 8 32 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 33 SEC. 145. Section 9702.5 of the Business and 34 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9702.5. The program shall ascertain by written examination that the applicant, and, in case of a copartnership or corporation applicant for a cemetery broker's license, that each officer, agent or member thereof through whom it proposes to act as a cemetery licensee has:

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(a) Appropriate knowledge of the English language, including reading, writing and spelling, and elementary arithmetic.

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- (1) Cemetery associations, cemetery corporations and duties of directors.
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- (3) Establishing, dedicating, maintaining, managing, 10 operating, improving and conducting a cemetery.
 - and (4) The care, preservation embellishment cemetery property.
- (5) The care and preservation of endowment care 14 funds, trust funds, and the investment thereof.
- (c) A general and fair understanding of the obligations 16 between principal and agent, of the principles of cemetery brokerage practice and the business ethics pertaining thereto, as well as of the provisions of this act relating to cemetery brokerage.
- SEC. 146. Section 9703 of the Business and Professions 21 Code is amended to read:
- 9703. The program may, in its discretion, waive the 23 examination of any applicant for a cemetery broker's 24 license who held an unrevoked or unsuspended cemetery 25 license on June 30th of the preceding fiscal year as an individual broker, an officer of a corporation, or member of a copartnership.
- SEC. 147. Section 9704 of the Business and Professions 29 Code is amended to read:
- 30 An application on the form prescribed by the 9704. program for the renewal of any unrevoked and
- unsuspended license filed before midnight of June 30th of
- the year for which such unrevoked and unsuspended
- issued, accompanied by the 34 license was
- 35 renewal fee, entitles the applicant to continue operating
- 36 under his or her existing license after its usual expiration
- date, if not previously suspended or revoked, and until such date as he or she is notified in writing that the 38
- application has been granted or denied.

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SEC. 148. Section 9705 of the Business and Professions 1 Code is amended to read:

3 9705. Upon receipt of the application and fee specified in Section 9701, the program shall issue, without examination, to any person who otherwise qualifies, a temporary salesperson's license, good for a period of three months from the date of issuance, irrespective of the fact that the fiscal year may terminate within such three months. An applicant shall not be entitled to more than one temporary license without examination. 10

SEC. 149. Section 9709 of the Business and Professions 12 Code is amended to read:

9709. The cemetery licenses of both broker and 14 salesperson shall be prominently displayed in the office of the broker.

The cemetery salesperson's license shall remain in the possession of the licensed cemetery broker employer 18 until canceled or until the salesperson leaves the employ 19 of the broker.

SEC. 150. Section 9710 of the Business and Professions 21 Code is amended to read:

9710. Immediately upon the salesperson's withdrawal 23 from the employ of the broker, the broker shall return the salesperson's license to the program for cancellation. A 25 license canceled but not suspended or revoked may be reinstated within the fiscal year upon receipt application therefor and the fee for the reinstatement of the license.

SEC. 151. Section 9711 of the Business and Professions 30 Code is amended to read:

9711. Every licensed cemetery broker shall have and 32 maintain a definite place of business in this state which shall serve as his or her office for the transaction of 34 business.

35 No cemetery license authorizes the licensee to do 36 business except from the location for which the cemetery 37 license was issued.

38 Notice in writing shall be given the program of change of business location of a cemetery broker, whereupon the program shall issue a new cemetery license for the **— 75** — **AB 2802**

unexpired period. The change or abandonment of business location without notification to the program shall automatically cancel the license theretofore issued.

SEC. 152. Section 9712 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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9712. If the applicant for a cemetery broker's license maintains more than one place of business within the state he or she shall apply for and procure an additional license for each branch office so maintained. Every such application shall state the name of the person and the location of the place of business for which such license is desired.

The program may determine whether or not a broker 14 is doing a cemetery brokerage business at or from any particular location which requires him or her to have a 16 branch office license.

SEC. 153. Section 9713 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:

9713. Each cemetery broker shall erect and maintain 20 a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises to indicate that he or she is a licensed cemetery broker and his or her name shall be clearly shown thereon. The size and place of the sign shall conform to regulations that may be adopted by the program.

SEC. 154. Section 9714 of the Business and Professions 26 Code is amended to read:

9714. For a violation of any of the provisions of 28 Sections 9709, 9710, 9711 and 9713, the program may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke the license of the cemetery licensee in accordance provisions of this act relating to disciplinary proceedings.

SEC. 155. Section 9715 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9715. Application for a certificate of authority shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the program and filed at the principal office of the program. The application shall be accompanied by the fee provided for 38 in this act and shall show that the cemetery authority owns or is actively operating a cemetery in this state which is subject to the provisions of the Cemetery Act or AB 2802 **—76** —

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that the applicant is in a position to commence operating a cemetery.

3 SEC. 156. Section 9716 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9716. The program may require such proof as it deems advisable concerning the compliance by such applicant to all the laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders applicable.

SEC. 157. Section 9717 of the Business and Professions 10 Code is amended to read:

9717. (a) The program shall adopt, and may from 12 time to time amend, rules and regulations prescribing standards of knowledge and experience and financial 14 responsibility for applicants for certificates of authority. 15 In reviewing an application for a certificate of authority, 16 the program may consider acts of incorporators, officers, directors, and stockholders of the applicant, which shall 18 constitute grounds for the denial of a certificate of 19 authority under Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 20 475).

(b) Upon receipt of an application for a certificate of authority, the program may cause an investigation to be 23 made of the physical status, plans, specifications and financing of the proposed cemetery, and any other qualifications required of the applicant under this act, and for this purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony.

At the time of the filing of the application required by 29 this section, the applicant shall pay to the Cemetery Fund 30 the sum fixed by the program at not in excess of four dollars (\$400) to defray the expenses 32 investigation. In the event the sum shall be insufficient to defray all of the expenses, the applicant shall within five 34 days after request therefor deposit an additional sum sufficient to defray such expenses, provided that the total 36 sum shall not exceed the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900).

38 SEC. 158. Section 9718 of the Business and Professions 39 Code is amended to read:

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9718. The program may, in accordance with its rules and regulations, authorize interments in cemeteries for which there is no currently valid certificate of authority outstanding if the program finds that rights to interment therein will otherwise be impaired. However, nothing in this section authorizes sales of lots, vaults, or niches by there is no cemeteries for which currently certificate of authority. Interments permitted under this section shall be conducted by persons authorized by the 10 program in accordance with its regulations, and Section 9768 shall not be applicable to such interments.

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The program or its representative shall be entitled to 13 inspect and copy any cemetery records necessary to the performance of interments under this section, and any 15 person having custody of those records shall permit 16 inspection and copying thereof for that purpose. The program may apply to the superior court for the county 18 in which the cemetery is located for an order temporarily transferring custody of cemetery records to it for purposes of this section.

SEC. 159. Section 9719 of the Business and Professions 22 Code is amended to read:

9719. The program shall inspect the books, records, 24 and premises of any crematory licensed under this chapter or any certificate of authority holder operating a crematory. In making those inspections, the program shall have access to all books and records, the crematory building, the cremation chambers or furnaces, and the storage areas for human remains before and after 30 cremation, during regular office hours or the hours the crematory is in operation. No prior notification of the 32 inspection is required to be given to the certificate of authority holder or the crematory licensee. 34 certificate of authority holder or any crematory licensee 35 fails to allow that inspection or any part thereof, it shall 36 be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license or other disciplinary action against the licensee. In the case of a certificate of authority holder, the suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action may be limited to the operation of the crematory. All proceedings under AB 2802 **— 78** —

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this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter relating to disciplinary 3 proceedings.

SEC. 160. Section 9720 of the Business and Professions 5 Code is amended to read:

9720. The program shall annually conduct a minimum of one unannounced inspection of each crematory.

SEC. 161. Section 9726 of the Business and Professions 10 Code is amended to read:

9726. The program may, upon its own motion, and shall, upon the verified complaint in writing of any 12 person, investigate the actions of any person engaged in 14 the business or acting in the capacity of a cemetery 15 licensee, and may temporarily suspend or permanently 16 revoke a license at any time where the licensee, within the immediately preceding three years, while a cemetery 18 licensee in performing or attempting to perform any of the acts specified in this act, has been guilty of any of the following:

- (a) Making any substantial misrepresentation.
- (b) Making any false statement of a character likely to 23 influence or persuade.
 - (c) A continued and flagrant course of misrepresentation or making of false promises through cemetery agents or salespersons.
 - (d) Acting for more than one party in a transaction without the knowledge or consent of all parties thereto.
 - (e) Commingling the money or other property of his or her principal with his or her own.
- (f) The practice of claiming or demanding a fee, 32 compensation commission or under anv agreement authorizing or employing a licensee to sell, 34 buy or exchange cemetery property for compensation or commission where such agreement does not contain a definite, specified date of final and complete termination.
- (g) The claiming or taking by a licensee of any secret 38 or undisclosed amount of compensation, commission or profit or the failure of a licensee to reveal to the employer 40 of such licensee the full amount of such licensee's

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compensation, commission or profit under agreement authorizing or employing such licensee to sell, buy or exchange cemetery property for compensation or commission prior to or coincident with the signing of such 5 agreement evidencing the meeting of the minds of the contracting parties, regardless of the form of such 6 agreement. whether evidenced by documents in 8 escrow or by any other or different procedure. 9

(h) The use by a licensee of any provision allowing the option to purchase in an 10 licensee an authorizing or employing such licensee to sell, buy, or compensation 12 exchange cemetery property for commission, except when such licensee prior to 14 coincident with election to exercise such option purchase reveals in writing to the employer the full 16 amount of licensee's profit and obtains the written consent of the employer approving the amount of such profit.

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(i) Any other conduct, whether of the same or a 20 different character than specified in this section, which constitutes fraud or dishonest dealing.

The misrepresentations and false statements 23 mentioned in this section include also misrepresentation and false statements as to other property than that which the cemetery licensee may be selling or attempting to sell.

- SEC. 162. Section 9727 of the Business and Professions 28 Code is amended to read:
- 9727. The program may suspend or revoke the license 30 of any cemetery licensee who, within three years immediately preceding has done any of the following:
 - (a) Been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of such licensee. The record of conviction, or a certified copy thereof, shall be conclusive evidence of such conviction.
- (b) Knowingly authorized, directed, connived at aided in the publication, advertisement, distribution, 37 or 38 circulation of material false any statement or representation concerning his or her business or any cemetery property offered for sale.

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(c) Willfully disregarded or violated any of the provisions of this act relating to cemetery brokerage.

- (d) Acted or conducted himself or herself in a manner which would have warranted the denial of his or her application for a cemetery license, or for a renewal thereof.
- 7 163. Section 9727.1 of the SEC. Business Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9727.1. The program may suspend or revoke the 10 license of any cemetery licensee who procures a cemetery license, for himself or herself or salesperson, by fraud, misrepresentation or deceit. An action to suspend or revoke a license for a violation of the 14 provisions of this section shall be commenced within three years after the discovery by the program of that 15 16 violation.
- SEC. 164. Section 9727.2 of the **Business** and 18 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9727.2. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction 20 following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The program may order the license suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation suspending imposition 26 is made the of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.
- SEC. 165. Section 9728 of the Business and Professions 33 Code is amended to read:
- 34 9728. When any salesperson is discharged by his or her 35 employer for a violation of any of the provisions of this 36 article prescribing a ground for disciplinary action, a verified written statement of the facts with reference thereto shall be filed forthwith with the program by the employer and, if the employer fails to notify the program as required by this section, the program may temporarily

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suspend or permanently revoke the cemetery license of 2 the employer in accordance with the provisions of this 3 act.

SEC. 166. Section 9729 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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9729. The program may deny, suspend or revoke the cemetery license of a corporation as to any officer or agent acting under its cemetery license, cemetery license of a copartnership as to any member acting under its cemetery license, without revoking the 10 cemetery license of the corporation copartnership.

SEC. 167. Section 9730 of the Business and Professions 14 Code is amended to read:

9730. The fees for cemetery licenses at all periods of 16 the fiscal year is the same as provided in this article. All cemetery license fees are payable in advance of issuing 18 the licenses and at the time of filing the application. Except a temporary salesperson's license, for which other provision is made, all licenses shall be issued for the fiscal year and shall expire on June 30th of each fiscal year at midnight.

SEC. 168. Section 9731 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:

9731. If a person fails to apply for a renewal of his or 26 her license prior to midnight of June 30th of the year for which the license was issued, no renewal license shall be 28 issued to him or her except upon payment of the renewal fee for the license, plus 50 percent of the renewal fee, but 30 not more than the renewal fee plus twenty-five dollars (\$25).

No person who fails to renew his or her license within one year of the expiration date can engage in any of the activities authorized by such a license unless he or she first files the application required for an original license, pays 36 the original license fee, and otherwise complies with all of the provisions of this act pertaining to the issuance of an original license.

SEC. 169. Section 9735 of the Business and Professions 39 Code is amended to read:

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9735. An original cemetery salesperson's license is a 1 cemetery license issued to a person who did not have a cemetery salesperson's or a broker's license either individually or as an officer of a corporation, or as a member of a copartnership, on June 30th of the fiscal year previous to the fiscal year for which the salesperson's license is issued.

SEC. 170. Section 9736 of the Business and Professions 9 Code is amended to read:

9736. A renewal cemetery salesperson's license is a cemetery license issued to a person who had a cemetery salesperson's or a broker's license either individually or as an officer of a corporation, or as a member of a copartnership, on June 30th of the fiscal year previous to the fiscal year for which the salesperson's license is issued.

SEC. 171. Section 9737 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9737. The proceedings under this article shall be 19 conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and the program shall have all the powers granted therein.

SEC. 172. Section 9740 of the Business and Professions 24 Code is amended to read:

9740. No person shall dispose of or offer to dispose of 26 any cremated human remains unless registered as a cremated remains disposer by the program. This article shall not apply to any person, partnership, or corporation a certificate of authority as a 30 crematory license, cemetery broker's license, cemetery salesperson's license, or funeral director's license, nor shall this article apply to any person having the right to control the disposition of the cremated remains of any person or that person's designee if the person does not 34 35 dispose of or offer to dispose of more than 10 cremated 36 human remains within any calendar year.

SEC. 173. Section 9741 of the Business and Professions 38 Code is amended to read:

9741. Registration shall be on the form prescribed by 39 40 the program and shall include, but not be limited to, the **— 83** — **AB 2802**

full name of the registrant, business and residence addresses, description and identification of aircraft or boats which may be used in dispensing cremated human remains, and the area to be served. Each registration 5 application shall be accompanied by the cremated remains disposer fee. 6

of the SEC. 173.5. Section 9741 **Business** Professions Code is amended to read:

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9741. (a) Registration shall be the on form 10 prescribed by the board program and shall include, but not be limited to, the full name of the registrant, business and residence addresses, description and identification of aircraft or boats which may be used in dispensing 14 cremated human remains, and the area to be served. 15 Each registration application shall be accompanied by 16 the cremated remains disposer fee.

(b) Every registered cremated remains disposer who 18 dispenses human remains by air shall post a copy of his or 19 her current pilot's license, and the address of the 20 cremated remains storage area at his or her place of 21 business. Every registered cremated remains disposer 22 who dispenses human remains by boat shall post a copy 23 of his or her current boating license and the address of the 24 cremated remains storage area at his or her place of 25 business.

SEC. 174. Section 9742 of the Business and Professions 27 Code is amended to read:

9742. All aircraft used for the scattering of cremated 29 human remains shall be validly certified by the Federal 30 Aviation Administration. All boats or vessels used for the scattering of cremated human remains shall be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles or documented by a federal agency, as appropriate. The certification or 34 registration shall be available for inspection by the program.

SEC. 175. Section 9745 of the Business and Professions 37 Code is amended to read:

9745. Each cremated remains disposer shall file an annual report on a form prescribed by the program. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of AB 2802 **— 84** —

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eases handled and the area of scattering. The report shall cover the fiscal year ending on June 30th and shall be filed with the program no later than September 30th of each 3 4 year.

5 SEC. 176. Section 9746 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read: 6

9746. All cremated remains disposer registrations shall expire at midnight on September 30th of each year. A person desiring to renew his or her registration shall file 10 an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the program accompanied by the required fee. The program 12 shall not renew the registration of any person who has not 13 filed the required annual report until he or she has filed a complete annual report with the department.

SEC. 177. Section 9749.5 of the **Business** 15 16 Professions Code is amended to read:

9749.5. A cremated remains disposer shall be subject 18 to and shall be disciplined by the program in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 9725). Any violation of this article shall also be grounds for disciplinary action.

22 SEC. 178. Section 9751 of the Business and Professions 23 Code is amended to read:

9751. The original cemetery broker's license fee shall be fixed by the program at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400).

SEC. 179. Section 9752 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9752. The original cemetery broker's license fee is payable at the time of the filing of an application for an original cemetery broker's license.

If the applicant fails the required written examination, 33 he or she may be permitted to take another examination 34 upon the filing of an application for reexamination and 35 the payment of a reexamination fee. This reexamination 36 fee shall be fixed by the program at not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

38 No part of any original cemetery broker's license fee or reexamination fee is refundable. It is deemed earned **— 85** — **AB 2802**

upon receipt by the program, whether the accompanying application for a license is complete or incomplete.

3 SEC. 180. Section 9753 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9753. The annual renewal fee for a cemetery broker's 5 license shall be fixed by the program at not more than 6 three hundred dollars (\$300).

SEC. 181. Section 9754 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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9754. If the licensee is a cemetery corporation, the license issued to it entitles one officer only, on behalf of the corporation, to engage in the business of a cemetery broker without the payment of a 14 further fee, that officer to be designated in application of the corporation for a license. For each officer licensed 16 of a cemetery brokerage corporation, through whom it engages in the business of a cemetery broker, the annual renewal fee, in addition to the fee paid by the corporation, shall be fixed by the department at not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

SEC. 182. Section 9755 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9755. If the licensee is a cemetery brokerage 24 copartnership, the license issued to it entitles one member only of the copartnership to engage on behalf of the copartnership in the business of a cemetery broker, which member shall be designated in the application of 28 the copartnership for a license. For each other member of the copartnership who on behalf of the copartnership engages in the business of a cemetery broker, the annual renewal fee, in addition to the fee paid by the copartnership, shall be fixed by the program at not more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

34 SEC. 183. Section 9756 of the Business and Professions 35 Code is amended to read:

9756. The cemetery salesperson's license fee shall be 36 fixed by the program at not more than thirty dollars 37 (\$30). 38

39 SEC. 184. Section 9758 of the Business and Professions 40 Code is amended to read:

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- 1 9758. No part of any original or temporary cemetery 2 salesperson's license fee is refundable. It is deemed 3 earned upon receipt by the program, whether the
- 4 accompanying application for a license is complete or
- 5 incomplete.
- 6 SEC. 185. Section 9759 of the Business and Professions 7 Code is amended to read:
- 8 9759. The annual renewal fee for a cemetery 9 salesperson's license shall be fixed by the program at not 10 more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- SEC. 186. Section 9760 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 13 9760. For a branch office broker's license, the fee shall 14 be fixed by the program at not more than one hundred 15 dollars (\$100).
- SEC. 187. Section 9761 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 18 9761. For change of name or of address of licensee on 19 the records of the program, the fee shall be fixed by the 20 program at not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 21 SEC. 188. Section 9762 of the Business and Professions 22 Code is amended to read:
- 9762. For transfer of a salesperson's license on change of employer, the fee shall be fixed by the program at not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 26 SEC. 189. Section 9763 of the Business and Professions 27 Code is amended to read:
- 28 9763. For a duplicate license the fee shall be fixed by 29 the program at not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 30 SEC. 190. Section 9764 of the Business and Professions 31 Code is amended to read:
- 32 9764. For reinstatement of a license within the fiscal 33 year, the fee shall be fixed by the program at not more 34 than twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- 35 As used in this section, "reinstatement of a license"
- 36 means the reissuance of a canceled cemetery broker's
- 37 license, or a cemetery salesperson's license which was
- 38 canceled during the year for which it was issued upon the
- 39 salesperson's withdrawal from the employ of a cemetery
- 40 broker.

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1 SEC. 191. Section 9765 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:

3 9765. Every authority cemetery operating cemetery shall pay an annual regulatory charge for each cemetery to be fixed by the program at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400). In addition to an annual each cemetery, regulatory charge for an additional quarterly charge of not more than eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) for each burial, entombment, or inurnment, 10 and not more than eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) for each cremation made during the preceding quarter shall be paid to the department and these charges shall be 12 13 deposited in the Cemetery Fund. If the cemetery 14 authority performed the cremation and either the burial, entombment, or inurnment, the total of all additional 16 charges shall be not more than eight dollars and fifty cents 17 (\$8.50). 18

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including 19 any provision contained in the Budget Act of 1996, this 20 section shall remain in effect until the loans authorized by Chapter 38, Statutes of 1996, and by Chapter 162, Statutes of 1996, are repaid, with interest at the rate accruing to moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, but no later than April 1, 2003, pursuant to a loan repayment plan approved by the Department of Finance.

SEC. 192. Section 9766 of the Business and Professions 26 27 Code is amended to read:

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9766. Upon payment of the charges set forth, the program shall issue a renewal of the certificate of authority to the cemetery authority.

31 SEC. 193. Section 9767 of the Business and Professions 32 Code is amended to read:

33 9767. Failure to pay the charges set forth by Section 34 9765 of this code prior to February 1st for each year shall be cause for suspension of the certificate of authority. The 36 certificate may be restored upon payment to the program of the prescribed charges. 37

38 SEC. 194. Section 9769 of the Business and Professions 39 Code is amended to read:

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9769. All moneys received by the program under the provisions of this chapter shall be accounted for and by detailed statements furnished by program to the Controller at least once a month, and at the same time these moneys shall be remitted to the Treasurer, and, upon order of the Controller, shall be deposited in the Cemetery Fund in the State Treasury, 8 which fund is hereby created.

SEC. 195. Section 9780 of the Business and Professions 10 Code is amended to read:

9780. A crematory established, operated, maintained, other than by a licensed cemetery authority, may be operated by a corporation, partnership, or natural 14 person, provided that a valid crematory license shall have 15 been issued by the program.

SEC. 196. Section 9781 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9781. Application for a crematory license shall be 19 made in writing on the form prescribed by the program and filed at the principal office of the program. The application shall be accompanied by the fee provided for in this article and shall show that the applicant owns or is actively operating a crematory in this state or that the applicant is in a position to commence operating such a 25 crematory.

SEC. 197. Section 9782 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9782. The program may require such proof as it deems advisable concerning the compliance by such applicant with all the laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and orders applicable to the applicant and shall not issue such crematory license until it has satisfied itself that the public interest will be served by such applicant.

SEC. 198. Section 9783 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9783. (a) The program shall adopt, and may from 37 time to time amend, rules and regulations prescribing standards of knowledge and experience and financial responsibility for applicants for a crematory license. In reviewing an application for a crematory license, the **— 89 — AB 2802**

department may consider acts of the applicant, including acts of incorporators, officers, directors, and stockholders of the applicant, which shall constitute grounds for the denial of a crematory license under Division 5 (commencing with Section 475).

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(b) Upon receipt of an application for a crematory license, the program may cause an investigation to be made of the physical status, plans, specifications, and financing of the proposed crematory, the character of the applicant, including, if applicable, its officers, directors, shareholders, or members, and any other qualifications required of the applicant under this article, and for this 12 purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and 14 take testimony.

At the time of the filing of the application required by 16 this article, the applicant shall pay to the Cemetery Fund the sum fixed by the program at not in excess of four 18 hundred dollars (\$400) to defray the expenses investigation. In the event the sum shall be insufficient to defray all of the expenses, the applicant shall within five days after request therefor deposit an additional sum sufficient to defray such expenses, provided that the total sum shall not exceed the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900).

SEC. 199. Section 9784 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9784. No crematory licensee under this article shall 28 conduct any cremations:

- (a) Unless the licensee has a written contract with the 30 person or persons entitled to custody of the remains clearly stating the location, manner, and disposition to be made of the remains, agreeing to pay the regular fees of the licensee for cremation, disposition, and other contractual other services rendered, and any provisions as may be required by the program.
- (b) Of any remains more than 24 hours after delivery 37 of the remains, unless the remains have been preserved in the interim by refrigeration or embalming.
- (c) Unless the licensee has a contractual relationship 39 with a licensed cemetery authority for final disposition of

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cremated human remains by burial, entombment or inurnment of any and all remains which are not lawfully disposed of or which are not called for or accepted by the person or persons entitled to the custody and control of 5 the disposition thereof within 90 days of the date of death.

SEC. 200. Section 9785 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

crematory 9785. Each licensee shall keep records as may be required by the program to assure 10 compliance with all laws relating to the disposition of cremated human remains and shall file annually with the program, a report in the form prescribed by the program, describing the operations of the licensee, including the number of cremations made, the disposition thereof, and any other information as the program may, from time to 16 time, require.

SEC. 201. Section 9786 of the Business and Professions 18 Code is amended to read:

crematory licensee operating 9786. Every 20 crematory pursuant to a license issued in compliance with this article shall pay an annual regulatory charge for each 22 crematory, to be fixed by the program at not more than four hundred dollars (\$400). In addition to an annual regulatory charge for each crematory, every licensee operating a crematory pursuant to a license issued pursuant to this article shall pay an additional charge of 27 not more than eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) per cremation made during the preceding quarter, which charges shall be deposited in the Cemetery Fund.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any provision contained in the Budget Act of 1996, this section shall remain in effect until the loans authorized by Chapter 38, Statutes of 1996, and by Chapter 162, Statutes 34 of 1996, are repaid, with interest at the rate accruing to moneys in the Pooled Money Investment Account, but no later than April 1, 2003, pursuant to a loan repayment plan approved by the Department of Finance.

38 SEC. 202. Section 9787 of the Business and Professions 39 Code is amended to read:

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9787. Each crematory for which a crematory license is required shall be operated under the supervision of a manager qualified as such in accordance with rules adopted by the program. Each manager shall be required to successfully pass a written examination evidencing an understanding of the applicable provisions of this code and of the Health and Safety Code of this state.

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- SEC. 203. Section 9789 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 10 9789. A crematory licensee shall be subject to and 11 shall be disciplined by the program in accordance with Article 6 (commencing with Section 9725). 12
- 204. Section 9880.2 of the Business and 14 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9880.2. The following persons are exempt from the 16 requirement of registration:
 - (a) An employee of an automotive repair dealer if the employee repairs motor vehicles only as an employee.
 - (b) A person who solely engages in the business of repairing the motor vehicles of one or more commercial, industrial, or governmental establishments.
- (c) A person who is registered pursuant to Chapter 20 23 (commencing with Section 9800) and whose work is limited to the installation or replacement of a motor vehicle radio, antenna, audio recorder, audio playback equipment, or burglar alarm.
- (d) A person whose primary business is the wholesale 28 supply of new or rebuilt automotive parts who solely engages in the remachining of individual automotive parts without compensation for warranty adjustments to those parts and who does not engage in repairing or diagnosing malfunctions of motor vehicles motorcycles. "Primary business" means the business that 34 accounts for the majority of the company's gross sales. "Wholesale supply" means the sale, by a seller who 36 possesses a California Resale Permit, of automotive parts to a retailer or jobber for the purpose of resale. However, described in this subdivision, person prior commencing work, shall do both of the following:

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(1) Provide a notice containing the bureau's toll-free telephone number to the customer that the person is not regulated by the bureau.

(2) Provide a written description of the remachining services to be performed to the customer.

SEC. 205. Section 9884 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

9884. (a) An automotive repair dealer shall pay the fee required by this chapter for each place of business 10 operated by the dealer in this state and shall register with the director upon forms prescribed by the director. The 12 forms shall contain sufficient information to identify the automotive repair dealer, including name, address of 14 each location, a statement by the dealer that each location 15 is in an area that, pursuant to local zoning ordinances, 16 permits the operation of a facility for the repair of motor vehicles, the dealer's retail seller's permit number, if a 18 permit is required under the Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 6001), Division 2, Revenue and Taxation Code), and other identifying data that are prescribed by the director. If the business is to be carried 22 on under a fictitious name, the fictitious name shall be stated. To the extent prescribed by the director, automotive repair dealer shall identify the owners, directors, officers, partners, managers and any other persons who directly or indirectly control or conduct the business. The forms shall include a statement signed by the dealer under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true.

- (b) A state agency is not authorized or required by this section to enforce a city, county, regional, air pollution control district, or air quality management district rule or regulation regarding the site or operation of a facility that repairs motor vehicles.
- 35 SEC. 206. Section 9884.3 of the **Business** and 36 Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9884.3. Every registration shall cease to be valid one 37 38 year from the last day of the month in which registration was issued unless the automotive repair dealer has paid the renewal fee required by this chapter.

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SEC. 206.5. Section 9884.5 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

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9884.5. A registration that is not renewed within three years following its expiration shall not be renewed, restored, or reinstated thereafter, and the delinquent registration shall be canceled immediately expiration of the three-year period.

An automotive repair dealer whose registration has been canceled by operation of this section shall obtain a 10 new registration only if he or she again meets the requirements set forth in this chapter relating to registration, is not subject to denial under Section 480, and pays the applicable fees.

An expired registration may be renewed at any time 15 within three years after its expiration upon the filing of an 16 application for renewal on a form prescribed by the 17 bureau and the payment of all accrued renewal and 18 delinquency fees. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed and all renewal and delinquency fees are paid. If so renewed, the registration shall continue in effect through expiration date of the current registration year provided in Section 9884.3, at which time the registration shall be subject to renewal.

9886.2 of **Business** SEC. 207. Section the and 26 Professions Code is amended to read:

9886.2. The money in the Vehicle Inspection and 28 Repair Fund necessary for the administration of this chapter and Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 44000) of Part 5 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code is available to the department, when appropriated for those purposes.

33 SEC. 208. Article 10 (commencing with Section 34 9889.30) of Chapter 20.3 of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code is repealed.

9889.8 of 36 SEC. 209. Section the Business and 37 Professions Code is amended to read:

9889.8. All accusations against licensees shall be filed within three years after the act or omission alleged as the ground for disciplinary action, except that with respect to AB 2802 — 94 —

1 an accusation alleging a violation of subdivision (e) of

- 2 Section 9889.3, the accusation may be filed within two
- 3 years after the discovery by the bureau of the alleged facts
- 4 constituting the fraud or misrepresentation prohibited by 5 such section.
- 6 SEC. 210. Section 18740 of the Business and 7 Professions Code is repealed.
- 8 SEC. 211. Section 15633.5 of the Welfare and 9 Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 10 15633.5. (a) Information relevant to the incident of 11 elder or dependent adult abuse may be given to an 12 investigator from an adult protective services agency, a 13 local law enforcement agency, or the Bureau of Medi-Cal 14 Fraud or investigators of the Department of Consumer
- 15 Affairs, Division of Investigation who are investigating 16 the known or suspected case of elder or dependent adult 17 abuse.
- 18 (b) The identity of all persons who report under this 19 chapter shall be confidential and disclosed only among 20 adult protective services agencies, long-term 21 licensing agencies, ombudsman programs, local 22 enforcement agencies, the bureau, and the Division of 23 Investigation to counsel representing an adult protective services agency, long-term care ombudsman program, licensing agency, or a local law enforcement agency, by 26 the bureau to the district attorney in a criminal reporting 27 prosecution, when persons waive 28 confidentiality, or by court order.
- 29 (c) Notwithstanding subdivisions (a) and (b), any 30 person reporting pursuant to Section 15631 shall not be 31 required to include his or her name in the report.
- 32 SEC. 212. Section 65.5 of this bill incorporates 33 amendments to Section 7685.2 of the Business and
- 34 Professions Code proposed by both this bill and AB 1705.
- 35 It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted
- 36 and become effective on January 1, 1999, (2) each bill
- 37 amends Section 7685.2 of the Business and Professions
- 38 Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 1705, in which
- 39 case Section 65 of this bill shall not become operative.

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SEC. 213. Section 173.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 9741 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and AB 1705. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on January 1, 1999, (2) each bill amends Section 9741 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 1705, in which case Section 173 of this bill shall not become operative.